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Chamber news

Torgy's at Casino Magic will host the Business After Hours tonight from 5-7 p.m. The event is open to Chamber members and guests. Admission is two business cards.

The phone book recycling drive is still on until Friday, Dec. 18. For drop-off information, call 467-9048.

Pearlington parade

Everyone's invited Saturday, Dec. 19, to see the lighted boat parade and Santa's ride through Pearlinton.

Festivities begin at 7 p.m. with Santa arriving at by boat at the foot of Monroe Street. From Monroe, the parade turns north on to Levee, then to Pearl, then to Gin Road where the First Southern Baptist Church will stage a pageant.

The parade then heads on Gin Road to the intersection of Hwy. 604 and the Community Center.

Children will be able to take pictures with Santa.

Pier dedication

The City of Waveland will hold a dedication ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 9 a.m. for the Garfield-Ladner Municipal Pier extension.

The public is invited to the ceremony to be held on the pier, which will be open free of charge all day.

Coffee and donuts will be served.

Seniors dinner

St. Rock United Methodist Church, 301 Herlihy St., Waveland is having a pre-Christmas service and dinner for senior citizens on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m.

TIDES

WEEK OF 12-17-98

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Thurs.	10:35 p.	9:29 a.
Fri.	11:10 p.	10:01 a.
Sat.	11:44 p.	10:35 a.
Sun.		11:11 a.
Mon.	12:19 a.	11:46 a.
Tues.	12:54 a.	12:21 p.
Wed.	1:29 a.	12:51 p.
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Taylor's landfill remarks confuse

BY ED LEPOMA

U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor's off-the-cuff remark opposing a landfill in Hancock County has proponents puzzled and environmentalists cheering.

Taylor was addressing the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce banquet in Bay St. Louis Friday night, and in unprepared remarks he said he was working behind the scenes to see that as much land as possible in the vast buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space

Center is set aside as a wildlife management area.

Contacted by the Echo Monday, Taylor said he made the remark, "in passing" during the Chamber banquet. He said he told the audience he wanted to turn the buffer into a wildlife habitat and was "opposed to making Hancock County a dumping grounds for New Orleans."

Specifically asked whether

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District honors teachers for work

BY B.R. HAWKINS

The Bay-Waveland School Board recognized Teachers of the Year Monday night at their regularly scheduled meeting. Board president Cleveland Williams presented plaques to North Bay Elementary School special education teacher Elisabeth Magee, Waveland Elementary School third grade teacher Portia Stewart, Bay Middle School music and choral teacher Marcia Boyer, and Bay High School seventh grade science and social stud-

ies teacher Monica Reichardt.

Boyer was also named Outstanding Teacher of the Year for the district. Boyer holds a bachelor and a master's degree from Delta State University in music education. Additionally, she received her choral music certification from DSU. She recently received an educational administration certification from the University of Southern Mississippi. Boyer has taught in the Bay-Waveland

TEACHERS—PAGE 12A

An early visit

Santa surprised young patients with a visit to the pediatric wing at Hancock Medical Center last week during HMC Auxiliary's annual Christmas party. Auxiliary members served refreshments in the front lobby while guests were entertained by vocalist Roseann Johnson.

Johnson, a recovery room nurse, has performed in Nashville, Tenn. and on the variety show "Hee Haw."

Students remember classmate with tree

BY BETSY GAGNET

The bells hanging on the little tree are a special reminder of a special little boy who touched the lives of students and faculty at North Bay Elementary.

His name was Christopher Stoltz, and he died on September 29 at the age of nine. Christopher was born with hydrocephalus, an accumulation of fluid within the cranium.

But Monday's ceremony was not about sadness. It was about remembering a fellow student who, though multi-handicapped and confined to a wheelchair his entire life, loved going to school and loved his classmates.

"He loved school," said Christopher's mother Marilyn Stoltz. "He loved being with the kids and having them talk

to him."

Christopher's teacher, Elisabeth Magee, agreed. As a special education teacher at the school, Magee worked to find things which would reach Christopher.

"Even though he was multi-handicapped, we tried to find things that would impact him and give him pleasure," said Magee. "He loved music. He loved bells."

And so red strings of bells adorn the cedar tree, along with angels and apple ornaments bearing the names of Christopher's fellow students.

Although some of the students were non-responsive to Christopher's death, there are signs of its impact, said Magee.

"Last week when we made Christmas angels, one little boy

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Headed for jail

Keon Hawkins, 18, of 601 Amar Street, Waveland, is escorted from the Hancock County's transportation van for processing following his arrest Wednesday during Operation No Bond. Hancock County Narcotics Task Force Director Shane Corr said Hawkins was charged with the sale of cocaine, and bond was set at \$25,000. Hancock Jailers Danny Gikerson, left, and Mike Peterson direct Hawkins. See story and additional photographs Page 12A in Today's edition. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas.)

Commission delays action on South Beach property

BY ED LEPOMA

The Commission on Marine Resources huddled behind closed doors more than an hour Tuesday, but took no action on a South Beach property owner's request to readjust the Coastal Use Plan to accommodate a casino/gambling resort that wants to come into Bayou Caddy.

The CMR, instead, unanimously passed a resolution that asks the Department of Marine Resources staff to "review the Coastal program for a possible use plan adjustment and revisions."

In making the motion for the resolution, Commissioner Philip Horn of Pascagoula specifically charged the DMR staff to justify whether the CMR can readjust or revise the Coastal Use Plan if a proposed developer does not have specifics on a project.

Fleuriet stopped

Former Waveland Alderman Jay Fleuriet is in trouble with the Department of Marine Resources.

At Monday's meeting, Steve Oivanki, head of DMR's Coastal Ecology Division, said the DMR has served Fleuriet with a

"cease and desist order."

No action was taken because Oivanki said he hoped to resolve differences with Fleuriet in a meeting scheduled soon.

Oivanki later told the Echo

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Jim Maness, who represents himself and 10 to 12 beachfront property owners of a 259-acre tract of land at Sand Bayou, near Bayou Caddy, was at the CMR meeting represented by an attorney, and he was clearly disappointed by the outcome.

"Every day this venture is delayed the county is losing thousands of dollars, the

schools are losing thousands and the sheriff's department is losing thousands," said Maness. "It's a shame that a small group of opponents can stop a major development."

Maness and the other property owners have retained Victor J. Franckiewicz Jr., an attorney with the prestigious law

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A tree for Christopher

Marilyn Stoltz and students Trevon Lemay, left, and Gary Kimble hang ornaments on a tree planted at North Bay Elementary School in honor of Marilyn's son Christopher who died in September. Christopher was a special education student at North Bay. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)

OBITUARIES

CLINTON BREAUX
LOUISE CRADDOCK
PEARL CUEVAS
JOSEPH ECHEZABAL
FRANCES ENGRAM
PATRICK HERRERA
ERMA JORDAN
ALTHEA S. KECK
HUBERT POOLSON
MARY H. RANGLES
JAMES TIMIDAISKI JR.
JAMES WINCHESTER

CLINTON BREAUX

Clinton Breaux, 63, of New Orleans, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

LOUISE CRADDOCK

Louise Craddock, 93, of Waveland, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1998, in Waveland.

Mrs. Craddock was a native and lifelong resident of Hancock County. She was a member of Shoreline Park Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis and was owner of Craddock's Tavern in Bay St. Louis for over 10 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Quincy Craddock; her parents, William and Sarah Elizabeth Smith Marson; a brother, Arthur Marson; and two sisters, Rowena Marson Nicaise and Beulah Marson.

Survivors include two nephews, R. Donald Nicaise of Huntsville, Ala., and Keith H. Nicaise of New Orleans, La.

Visitation will be today, Dec. 17, 7-9 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by burial in Bayou Coco Cemetery in Hancock County.

PEARL CUEVAS

Pearl Cuevas, 91, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998 in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

JOSEPH ECHEZABAL

Joseph H. Echezabal, 75, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Echezabal was sent from Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Lakelawn Metairie Funeral Home in New Orleans for services and burial.

FRANCES ENGRAM

Mrs. Frances Engram, age unavailable, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998, in Pass Christian.

Arrangements are incomplete at J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

PATRICK HERRERA

Patrick Joseph Herrera, 72, of Diamondhead, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mr. Herrera was a native of Smithville Flats, N.Y. He was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Pere le Duc Council 1522.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Antonia J. and Maria Ramirez Herrera; and a brother, Anthony J. Herrera.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Herrera of Diamondhead; a daughter, Sandra H. Roberson of Bay St. Louis; brothers Rafael A. Herrera of San Antonio, Texas, Rudolph F. Herrera of Teufel Junaca, Theodore E. Herrera of McLean, Va.; sisters, Gloria Abdolnoor of San Juan, Puerto Rico, Theresa Segard, of Teutejuna, Calif., Deleores Rivera of San Juan; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by services in the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Biloxi National Cemetery.

ERMA JORDAN

Erma Christine Berry Jordan, 80, of Picayune, died Friday, Dec. 11, 1998, in Picayune.

Mrs. Jordan was a native of

Brookhaven and a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Carol Stewart of Picayune, Diane Summers of Kiln and Barbara Draper of Douglasville, Ga.; four brothers, Durwood Berry, Delton Berry and Dr. Donald Berry, all of Picayune, and Dewey Berry of Yuba City, Calif.; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Sunday evening at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune. Funeral services were conducted Monday in First United Methodist Church in Picayune, followed by burial in New Palestine Cemetery in Picayune.

ALTHEA S. KECK

Althea S. Keck, 61, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1998 in Gulfport.

Mrs. Keck was a native of Buras, La. and a former longtime resident of Dallas, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin and Louise Barrios Ragas; and her husband, Donald Keck.

Survivors include a son, David W. Edwards of Plano, Texas; a brother, Benjamin Anthony Ragas of Bay St. Louis; two sisters, Catalina Twine of Yazoo City and Beverly V. Ragas of Venice, La.; and a grandchild.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. today, Dec. 17, at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Burial will be private.

The family prefers memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

HUBERT POOLSON

Hubert "Hubie" James Poolson, 70, of Nicholson, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998, in Picayune.

Mr. Poolson was a native and long-time resident of Bay St. Louis and was a Catholic. He was employed by the Hancock County Road Maintenance Department until his retirement in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cornelius and Della Moran Poolson; a brother, Edward K. Poolson; and a sister, Mary Alsobrook.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, followed by services in the funeral home chapel. Burial was in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

MARY H. RANGLES

Mary H. Randles, 63, of Diamondhead, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, in Diamondhead.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

JAMES TIMIDAISKI JR.

James T. Timidaiski Jr., 46, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1998, in New Orleans.

Mr. Timidaiski was a native of Corpus Christi, Texas, a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, and was retired from NAVOCEANO.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn M. Timidaiski of Bay St. Louis; his parents, James T. and Edna M. Timidaiski Sr. of Issaquah, Wash.; a son, Grayson James Timidaiski of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Ashley Karen Timidaiski of Bay St. Louis; and a brother, Daniel Mercer Timidaiski of Sumner, Wash.

Visitation will be today, Dec. 17, 7-9 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services will be conducted Friday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, followed by burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

JAMES WINCHESTER

James "Jim" W. Winchester, 82, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, December 15, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mr. Winchester was born in Pickens County, S.C. Nov. 7, 1916. He was a graduate of Tammessee DAR High school and entered Furman University in Greenville, S.C. He was selected for training at the Naval Aerological School and was later assigned to duty in the USS Albemarle, a sea plane tender. He served at sea in aviation units in both the Atlantic and Pacific throughout WW II.

After the war he entered The Johns Hopkins University where he earned a master of science degree in physical oceanography. He served in the Navy as staff meteorologist and oceanographer and was awarded several medals, commendations and citations for his naval service and retired with the rank of Commander.

After Korean War, he held several senior managerial and executive level positions in both



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 of
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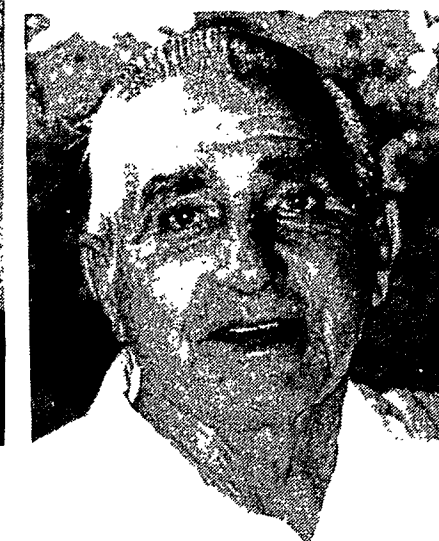
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In Memoriam

In Loving Memory
 of
GABRIEL M. "GABY" FOUASNON
 Dec. 10, 1921-Jan. 7, 1998

Wanda Fouasnon, four sons, Jack Austin, Alain Fouasnon, Marc Fouasnon and Michael Fouasnon; daughter Nicole Bourgois; sister, Christiane Williams, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and many friends.



In Memoriam

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 of
ORIS LADNER
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Sing to God a new song; skillfully play with joyful chant.
 Psalm 33:3

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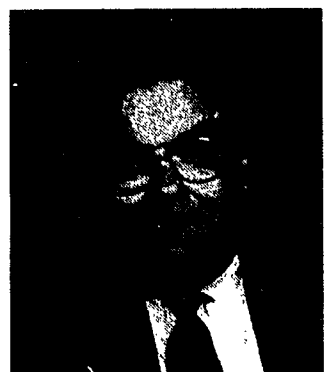
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Tideland funds

Department of Marine Resources representative, Joe Ziegler, left, presented a \$300,000 check to Bay St. Louis Mayor and City Council recently. Joining Ziegler in the presentation were Ted Black, Curleen Moran, John Rutherford, Connie Lampley, Jim Thriffiley and Eddie Favre. (Echo staff photo by Mary Seiley)

OBITUARIES

government and industry, including physical scientist, Office of Naval Research, Washington, DC; president, Oceanographic Services, Inc., Santa Barbara, Calif.; and director, National Data Buoy Center, now Stennis Space Center.

After several years of part-time graduate study, he earned a master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees in public administration, and in 1981 was invited to join President Reagan's Administration. After confirmation by the U.S. Senate, he was appointed as Associate Administrator of NOAA, an Assistant Secretary level position in the Department of Commerce. In 1987 he was appointed as a member of the National Commission for Employment Policy by President Reagan and served in that position until October 1991.

Dr. Winchester received several commendations and citations from senior members of the Administration and the Congress. In 1983 he received the American University Distinguished Alumnus Award.

He was a member of the Pass Christian Rotary Club, Gulfport Yacht Club, Pass Christian Yacht Club, Pass Christian Isles Golf Club, Pass Christian Historical Society, Harrison County Republican Party Executive Committee, Chairman of the Pass Christian Republican Party Executive Committee, Harrison County Republican Club, Pass Christian Repu-

blican Club and the Great Southern Club. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian.

Survivors include his wife, Ada Winchester of Pass Christian; three children, Barbara Winchester Peyton of Cambridge, Mass.; Mary Anne Winchester of Arlington, Va.; Dr. James W. Winchester Jr. of Los Angeles, Calif.; four stepchildren, Patricia Donohue of Annandale, Va., Pamela Jean Donohue Williamson of Seattle, Wash., Donald Donohue Jr. of Oxford, Md. and Mary Donohue Robertson of Springfield, Va.; a sister, Faye Winchester Crenshaw of Sunset, S.C. and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:30 a.m. today, Dec. 17, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian where friends may call after 10:30 a.m.

Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian is in charge of local arrangements.

Grieving Support Group

A Wholesome Grieving Support Group will meet every second Wednesday, of the month 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the Hancock Senior Care Office in Bay West Professional Center, 1011 Hwy. 90, across from the Waffle House. The meetings are free of charge.

For information, call Edmond Fahey Funeral Home at 467-9031 or Hancock Senior Care at 467-4675.

Kiln Christmas Parade-Ride set Sunday

The Kiln is celebrating its 25th annual Christmas Parade-Ride Sunday, Dec. 20 at noon. Santa Claus arrives at Moran's Stables to mount one of the three decked-out trail wagons as parade captain. Robert Moran assembles the many horseback riders dressed in western and Christmas attire, all wearing cowboy hats.

This traditional Santa Claus parade, staged mostly for kids as well as grown-ups, is the only organized horseback parade on the Gulf Coast and is sponsored by the Kiln VFW and Moran's Riding Stables.

The parade route leaves from Moran's Riding Stables on the old Kiln/Picayune Road and proceeds eastward to VFW Road where it toasts the many veteran members of the VFW. The riders continue on VFW Road to turn north at Hwy. 603 to the Crossroad where they toast the folks at Dolly's and D&K's.

They then turn east up the Kiln/DeLisle Road to Annunciation Church where they circle the church to re-enter the Kiln/DeLisle Road returning west to ride around the Sister Mary Ellen Circle and continue to the Hwy. 603 Crossroad once more.

Crossing the highway, the parade riders then toast at Stevie Haas's Broke Spoke and continue on the Kiln/Picayune

Historic Preservation Professional Review Board to meet

The Mississippi Historic Preservation Professional Review Board will meet Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. in the second-floor conference room of the Charlotte Capers Archives and History Building.

At this meeting, various properties around the state will be considered for a recommended listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The resulting recommendations will be forwarded to the United States Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. for a final review.

The Department of Archives and History is the official State Historic Preservation Office in Mississippi and handles all requests for National Register information and assistance.

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Lee fund raiser

State Sen. Ezell Lee of Picayune, who has announced for state Transportation Commissioner for the Southern District, talks to supporters at a fund raiser Nov. 24 at the Kiln VFW. From left are State Sen. W.L. Rayburn and MDOT employees Jack Griffin, Robert Care and Donald Ray Walley.

ST. ANN-ST. JOHN NEWS

Thoughts for meditation:
Unless it leads to wisdom, knowledge can be dangerous.
I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Philippians 3:8
There are three things difficult: To keep a secret, to suffer an injury, to use leisure.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire — conscience.

—George Washington
So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.

Acts 24:16
I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he

was yesterday.

—Abraham Lincoln
Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.

Proverbs 1:5

The Triduum to the Infant Jesus of Good Health began Wednesday, Dec. 16 and will continue today, Dec. 17 and Friday, Dec. 18, after St. Ann Church morning mass in Clermont Harbor.

It is not too late for anyone who is still interested in signing up to be lectors, greeters and eucharistic ministers at St. Ann or St. John churches.

Those interested may sign up after mass.

Training will begin early in the new year.

The parish Christmas party held Dec. 13 after the 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Ann's was a huge success.

On Saturday, Dec. 19, and Sunday, Dec. 20, there will be anointing of the sick and elderly during mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available before all masses and anytime by appointment. Call the rectory at 467-4746.

Please notify the rectory of individuals who desire to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation at home.

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"CUEVAS" QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Congratulations are in order for my long-time friend, Princess Fahey, on being named the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce 1998 Citizen of the Year.

I cannot recall anyone being so surprised as she was when the announcement was made Friday night at the chamber's annual Christmas banquet.

Fahey is well known about the community. She owned the Princess Shoppe for some 30 years in Bay St. Louis, which recently closed.

Princess is well known for her caring for the elderly of the community in so many ways and also for the teen board her store sponsored for so many years.

The prestigious award could not have gone to a more deserving person than Princess Mary Fahey.

Many business owners in the area take decorating of their businesses very seriously, especially during the holiday season.

On Monday I received a telephone call from Mrs. Yvonne Sallinger about some culprit removing a large wreath from the door of her bridal shop, Bridalaire, sometime Saturday night.

I have known Mrs. Sallinger for many years, and I know she takes pride in coordinating decorations at her business.

There always seems to be some "Grinch" out there trying to disturb the efforts of those trying to make our community a better place.

We all need to respect the property of others. It's one of the big problems of this nation today that no one seems to have any respect for others' property.

It seems the closer we get to Christmas the more scams appear to get our money.

I received a copy of one scam which a resident turned over to Hancock County Sheriff's Deputy Nathan Hoda last week.

It is another example of a scam mailed from Nigeria that claims millions of American dollars are available to trustworthy companies into whose account some funds can be transferred.

Of course, they seek a company's name, telephone number, full address of the company, and as always, complete particulars of the bank account where you wish the funds to be transferred.

It is hoped no one falls for some of the scams out there, and if they are curious about an offer to really check it out with authorities.

Law enforcement agencies tell us never to reveal bank account numbers and to make sure we know with whom we are dealing.

There is always someone out there trying to make a fast buck, and it is your buck they are after and want.

Beware, especially during the holiday season.

Today is the last opportunity to turn in your old telephone directory for recycling.

The outdated directories can be dropped off between 1 to 4 p.m. this afternoon in the parking lot of the Civic Center at a trailer.

The telephone recycling project is sponsored by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and BellSouth with help from Hancock County Board of Supervisors, MSU Extension-Hancock County, Fastway Systems and Mississippi Power Company.

The more directories we recycle means less strain on our overflowing landfills.

You do not know what you are missing if you have not taken the time to visit the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library and view the 50 or so decorated Christmas trees.

The trees of various sizes and shapes have been decorated by local businesses, organizations and students.

It is such a great display, and I feel everyone should take the time and visit our library.



Fifth anniversary

This photo was taken Dec. 18, 1948 at Demoran's Radio, Railroad Avenue, Bay St. Louis. This was the first television to be seen in Bay St. Louis as it was the beginning date for WDSU-TV, New Orleans. There was standing room only. The store was packed with spectators. Emmett and Hazel Demoran were the new RCA dealers for the seven-inch screen. Demoran, now re-

tired, has been in the electronics business over 50 years and resides in Bay St. Louis. (Photo courtesy of Demoran's son, Mickey Demoran, sitting on the front row left, of Bay St. Louis). The Echo welcomes photos older than 25 years for publication. They will be returned to their owners.

Bay Police prepare for holiday season

By Chief Frank McNeil
Bay St. Louis
Police Department

The Bay St. Louis Police Department hopes that all the citizens of Bay St. Louis and visitors to our community have a safe and happy holiday season this year.

The police department will have extra officers on the streets during the Christmas and New Year holidays to achieve this goal. These officers will be responsible for monitoring speed, seatbelt usage and arresting those driving under the influence.

Historically the holiday season is one of the most dangerous times for the motoring public. The intent of this increase in traffic enforcement is to ensure that all our residents arrive at their holiday destinations safe and sound.

Although it is not our intent to give tickets or citations as Christmas presents, we feel that the point of driving during the holidays safely, soberly and legally needs to be emphasized.

The three major factors contributing to holiday accidents are speed, lack of seatbelt use and the consumption of alcohol and driving. The Bay St. Louis Police Department will attempt to correct these issues through the use of increased visibility, traffic stops and roadblocks during the months of December and January.

To keep from getting an unwanted Christmas present, Chief Frank McNeil feels that drivers should follow these suggestions:

Obey the posted speed limits. During the holidays, traffic is increased on our streets and highways. Visitors from out of town may not be as familiar with turning arrows, stop sign locations and the directions of where they are going.

When going too fast, it is hard to be a good defensive driver. If people stop short, you want to

insure that you can stop and the person behind you can also stop safely.

The use of seatbelts by the driver and all passengers in the vehicle can save a life. Unfortunately accidents do happen. When this does occur, a safety belt or child restraint can at the least reduce the chance of major injury and can even save a life.

It is the law in Mississippi that all occupants must wear a seatbelt. The police can and will stop you if a child under the age of eight is observed riding in any vehicle without a seatbelt or child restraint. Please buckle up this holiday season.

The Christmas season and the New Year celebration are a time of toasting and good cheer. However drinking and driving don't mix. This is a combination that can end in disaster.

Too many times during the holidays the spirit of the season is cut short by a knock at the door telling someone that there has been an accident and they need to go to the hospital. The designated driver is a way to reduce the chances of this happening this holiday season.

The Bay St. Louis Police Department will be providing rides to those people who are not in an appropriate condition to drive home during the holiday season. From 6 p.m. on Dec. 24 until 2 a.m. Dec. 27, we will take people to their residences in Bay St. Louis if they call and request the service.

Also, from 6 p.m. Dec. 31 to 3 a.m. Jan. 1, we will take people to their residences in Bay St. Louis if they call and request the service. If you are stopped on the road driving drunk, it is too late to request this service.

The Bay St. Louis Police Department will be receiving federal funding to pay for the extra officers on these details. The Bay St. Louis Police Department is part of the Western Gulf Coast Safe Communities Program.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Picayune resident praises Taylor's suggestion to make buffer zone a wildlife area

Thank you, Gene Taylor! You are the first elected official to outwardly act on the pleas of citizens against the development of a landfill in the Stennis Space Center buffer zone.

Your proposal of converting the land to a wildlife area is commendable. Yes, there are other and better ways to handle the volume of trash generated by our populace.

Mayor Favre, Bay St. Louis, said "The Hancock Solid Waste Authority has been working on this for years — why come up with this now?" The authority has not listened to the people.

We have been trying to tell our mayors, our supervisors and even SSC administration of our concern to not trash south Mississippi. We have conducted meetings, collected signatures

and circulated petitions, but no one has listened until now.

We are concerned with the future of the county, the state of Mississippi, the amount of trash now and proposed to come in. Will Mississippi be known as the "Garbage State?"

Landowners in the buffer zone have the same taxation rate as the non-buffer zone, yet there is no representation for their concerns.

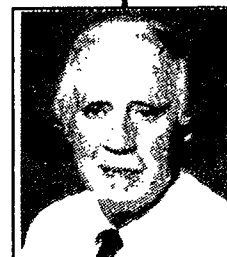
It is a convenient misconception that the vast area is a void. Without appropriate representation, money hungry investors are going to be looking for a "fast buck," and we don't mean deer.

Thank you, Gene Taylor, thank you.

Kathlyn Knox,
Picayune

EYES ON MISSISSIPPI

By Bill Minor



Mike Parker is GOP's candidate for governor

JACKSON—Those who are surprised how quickly the power folks in Mississippi's GOP have taken Mike Parker to their bosom as the gubernatorial heir to Kirk Fordice, just didn't know about the grand plan.

This had been cooking for some time. My first tip-off to it came earlier this year when I learned Sen. Trent Lott, over last Christmas break, had told relatives in Pascagoula a "big surprise" was coming up in the next governor's race. The surprise, of course, was Parker would be the GOP power brokers' candidate.

Until then, most everyone, including myself, had been foolish enough to believe Parker's reason for stepping down from Congress, was because of his wife's health problems. That's why he was leaving Congress, he intimated to some of his House colleagues.

Now it's pretty obvious his own personal political ambition was the real reason why he left Washington. He told us in his announcement last week for governor that he had suddenly come to a conclusion he needed to run "because I love Mississippi." Poppycock.

Parker, the ex-undertaker, has tasted the nectar of political life and now he wants a bigger helping, this time as a number one instead of one of five.

The man is clever, make no mistake about it. A good actor. He proved that when he whipped his only real challenger, state Treasurer Marshall Bennett, in 1992.

Right out of the starting chute in his brand new gubernatorial bid, Parker's got the good ol' boy routine going again in television ads, this time in deer hunting gear out in the woods with his young son.

"One of us," is the message, and you can bet Parker will be beating that drum all the way until election time.

With Parker getting immediate adoration of the state GOP kingpins, you wonder how this makes state Rep. Charlie Williams, (R-Senator) feel, since he early on stuck his neck out when the Republicans appeared not to have a viable candidate for governor. That can be said to a lesser extent for former Lt. Gov. Eddie Briggs, and Mayor Dan Gibson of Crystal Springs, other GOP aspirants.

In his unmemorable 10 years as a U.S. Representative, Parker has no record to boast of on any major issues, among them education, environmental quality, or health care. He can be remembered, however, as one of those who

tried to kill financial aid for the arts and cultural enhancement, funds which had benefited dozens of small Mississippi communities.

So for Parker to stake a claim now that he will be a "education" governor is chutzpah personified. What has he ever done to remotely show he cares about public education in Mississippi?

It would be a mockery if Parker next year would campaign for education in a race with either of the potential Democratic gubernatorial candidates, present Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove or Attorney General Mike Moore! Musgrove, a longtime education leader in the state Senate, is the architect of Mississippi's Adequate Education Act, while Moore for several years has gone from school to school statewide preaching abstinence from drugs and premarital sex, and has steered thousands of dollars from the tobacco settlement to school health programs.

With a \$300,000 nest egg left over in his congressional campaign fund, raised from grateful fateat lobbyists, Parker has a hefty down payment to wage a full scale gubernatorial race compared to anybody else in the field. And, of course, when the GOP smart money in Mississippi kicks in, he'll be able to outspend anyone the Democrats can put up.

Parker, an unknown country funeral home operator, pulled off his surprise election to the Fourth District congressional seat in 1988 with a TV blitz funded by \$350,000 in borrowed money by mortgaging his farm and business. Not long after he had been in Congress, however, all the borrowed campaign money was paid off with plenty left over from contributions he began to rake in.

Soon, after he became something of a darling of business and corporate interests, (no longer organized labor who backed him initially) raising campaign money was no problem. That was while he was still a Democrat, and when he became a Republican in 1995 it got even better.

About five years ago, when Parker sold his funeral homes in Brookhaven and Meadville, along with burial insurance businesses, he significantly enriched himself to the tune of about \$1 million, just calculating from the wide ranges of his net worth shown in his report to the Clerk of the U.S. House.

The real story behind his funeral home sale was never found out, although this column tried to do it. What's

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County participant

Members of the Hancock County Health Council and the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi receive a symbolic check representing a portion of Mississippi's share of Tobacco Settlement Funds. Hancock County will be awarded a \$75,000 grant for its Partnership Against Tobacco in Hancock County (PATH) program. Pictured, from left, are Marilyn Bailey, MSU Extension health education director; Lora Mederos, PATH Coordinator Pat Gorell and Attorney General Mike Moore.

County health council receives \$75,000 grant for tobacco campaign

BY B. R. HAWKINS
Hancock County's Health Council has received a \$75,000 grant from the State of Mississippi's Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi to implement their own 'Partnership Against Tobacco in Hancock County' (PATH) program.

MSU Extension Health Educator Marilyn Bailey said the grant's acceptance was based, in large part, on the willingness of businesses, schools, law enforcement officials, and civic organizations to support the components of the PATH program.

PATH program components include such activities as buddy

clubs, advertising campaigns, school art and essay contests and competitions.

"The Buddy Club component involves area Beta clubs, student councils, Interact clubs, FHA, DECA, Save Our Children Task Force members, 4-H groups, church youth groups and Boy and Girl Scout groups to work with each other in supporting a non-tobacco environment," said Bailey.

Another component of the program includes the high school newspaper staffs working with local newspapers to create and produce an ad and editorial campaign. "We really have to express our apprecia-

tion to the number of people who were willing to jump right in and help us," said Pat Gorell.

Gorell, recently appointed to lead the PATH program is a five-year resident of Waveland and formerly worked in the Harrison County Family Court program as a youth services counselor. She holds a master's degree in counseling and psychology and is a licensed social worker.

For more information concerning PATH activities contact Gorell at the Cooperative Extension Services offices, 3064 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis or call 467-5456.

Students plead guilty; face grand jury

BY B. R. HAWKINS
Seventeen-year-old Christopher Stinson and his brother, 18-year-old, Leonard Stinson both pled guilty in Bay St. Louis Municipal Court Wednesday, Dec. 9, to charges of disturbing the peace at school.

Judge George Lipscomb suspended a 30-day sentence for the first of three charges brought against the two Bay High School students. Charges of disorderly conduct were remanded to the file.

The Stinsons, along with two younger brothers, who were

charged as juveniles, face charges ranging from disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace at school and assault on a police officer in a Dec. 8, incident at the high school.

All four students are on disciplinary suspension from classes and are awaiting hearings before the Bay-Waveland School Board.

Assistant District Attorney Larry Bourgeois said charges against the two brothers for assault on a police officer will be brought before the Grand Jury next year.

Volunteers help Bay school rework play area

BY B. R. HAWKINS

Recognizing the need to provide access to playground areas for wheelchair and otherwise ambulatory impaired children, North Bay Parent Teacher Organization took on an ambitious plan to renovate and enlarge an existing basketball court on the campus.

"Our kids, like all kids, like to play outside," said Elisabeth Magee, special education teacher for the elementary school. "We had the court area, but we had no easy way to get our students to the area."

The project calls for the construction of a 314-foot-long concrete sidewalk and the repaving and enlarging of an existing 94'x 56' open-air basketball court. Magee said the work on the court will include footings to accommodate the possibility of eventually covering the court with a canopy.

"Various businesses, government entities and other volunteers have agreed to supply materials and labor necessary to accomplish this task," Magee said. "Our plan is to have the work completed during the Christmas holidays so that the children can come back and be surprised."

Magee said volunteers include General Contractor Mike Gibbins and his employees, BB Dump Truck Service, West.

Markels and Bailey building supply companies, the cities of Waveland and Bay St. Louis, Gulf Concrete Company, Gulf State Concrete Company and many parents and friends.

The project coordinators include Donnell Giveans, Randall Molsbee and the North Bay PTO members.

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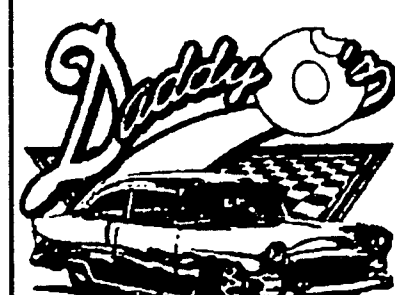
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Time changes for SSC, Hawk basketball game

Tip off time for the basketball game between St. Stanislaus and Hancock High School in the Kila Friday night Dec. 18, has been changed to accommodate SSC's exam schedule.

Tip off for the junior varsity boys is at 5:15pm followed by the varsity boys game.

Eyes

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strange about it is they were bought by a rural telephone company operator who paid Parker a premium price.

Earlier this year, in her book "Representative Mom," retiring U.S. Rep. Susan Molinari, (R-New York) painted a not-too-complimentary picture of her former Republican colleague, Mike Parker. Molinari, who gave up her congressional seat to enter television work, details how Parker was a first class charlatan and backstabber in last year's abortive coup to oust House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

How did she know about Parker's double dealing? Because the victim of Parker's duplicity was her husband, U.S. Rep. Bill Paxon, (R-New York). Is that a recommendation for a governorship?

Weekend benefits to help Hope Haven children

BY ED LEPOMA

Two benefits this weekend will help Hope Haven, Hancock County's shelter for abused and neglected children.

On Sunday, the South Coast Riders Association is planning a parade, featuring motorcycles, street rods, antiques and custom cars and trucks. The entrance fee is \$15.

Registration begins at noon at the Marine Education Center next to the Biloxi Bridge on Hwy. 90, with the parade beginning at 2 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will lead the "Magic Toy Parade" along Hwy. 90, to deliver donations, toys and food items to Hope Haven, the Firemen's Toy and Doll Fund, the Salvation Army and United Way. Participants are being asked to donate a new toy and one non-perishable food item.

The parade ends at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis, which is offering a two-for-one buffet, two keno tickets and one match play coupon for participants.

The city of Bay St. Louis will distribute all cash donations to Hope Haven, with toys and food items to be divided among the other agencies.

Later, Sunday night Mid-south Wrestling at Casino Magic will present several bouts to benefit Hope Haven. Tickets are \$10 each, and can be purchased at any TicketMaster location or by calling 1/800-5-MAGIC-5.

The bouts start at 6 p.m., and Crazy Joe versus Mr. Wrestling

III will wrestle for the Midsouth Heavy Weight title.

Also appearing will be World Tag Team Champions Public Enemy, Midsouth Tag Team Champions Kevin Northcutt and Terry Bryant, Extreme Pleasures, Kent Truth, John Saxon, Alternative Reality, Devil Boy and Midgets.

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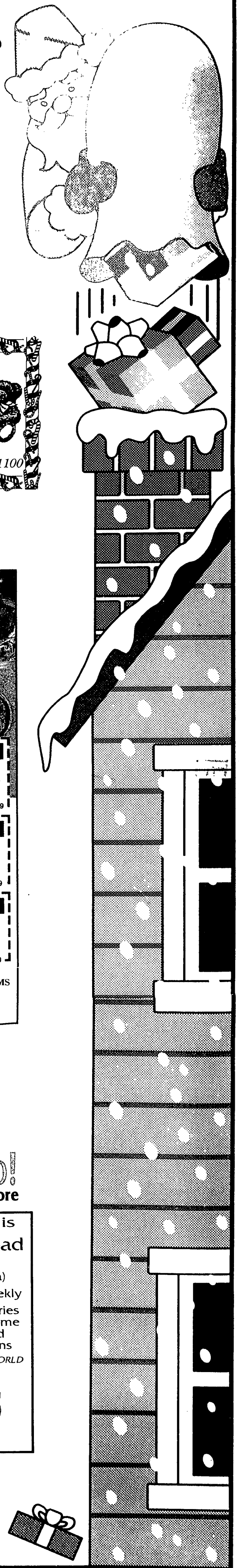
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Local dancers kick up heels in Paris

Bay St. Louis students recently returned home from an international goodwill tour in Paris. Pictured are, from left, Priscilla Austin, Ashley Combs, Amanda Richardson, Natalie Smith and Felicia Crosby from Bay Junior High and High School. As members of the American All-Star Dance & Cheer Team, these young women, representing communities from across the nation, embarked on a week-long educational and cultural exchange in Paris, France. The 250 member All-Star Dance & Cheer Team demonstrated American "sports entertainment" while performing on the Videopolis Stage in Disneyland Paris. During their seven-day stay, the All-stars toured the Louvre where masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo are on display. Other tours included visits to Notre Dame and the Eiffel Tower. The troupe also spent several days in Disneyland and traveled to the Place of Versailles. The trip concluded with an evening cruise down the Seine.

PRCC offers night classes in eight district locations

Pearl River Community College will offer night classes at eight district locations during the spring semester.

Registration for all night classes is set for Thursday, Jan. 7 and Friday, Jan. 8, 3-6 p.m. each day in the White Coliseum on the Poplarville campus.

Classes are scheduled for Poplarville, Picayune, Hattiesburg, Columbia, Bay St. Louis, Petal, Oak Grove and Stennis Space Center.

The following night classes will be offered on the Poplarville campus:

Art Appreciation, General Biology II and Laboratory II, Anatomy and Physiology I and Laboratory I, Anatomy and Physiology II and Laboratory II, General Chemistry II and Laboratory II, Introduction to Computing, Developmental English I and II, English Composition I and II, American Literature I and II, World Literature II, Human and Growth Development, World Civilization I, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Elementary Spanish II, General Psychology I, Introduction to Sociology, Economics for Banking, Financial Accounting, Principles of Automation II, and Special Projects.

The following classes will be offered in Picayune:

Self-affirmation, World Literature I, Nutrition, Introductory Algebra, College Algebra, Music Appreciation for non-music majors, New Testament Survey, and General Psychology.

Columbia night classes include:

English Composition I and II, World Literature II, College Algebra, New Testament Survey, General Psychology, Sociology, and Oral Communication.

Bay St. Louis night classes include:

Anatomy and Psychology II and Laboratory II, Human Growth and Development, College Algebra, General Psychology, Sociology and Oral Communication.

Night classes for Petal include:

English Composition I and College Algebra.

The Oak Grove night classes include English Composition I, College Algebra, Trigonometry and Psychology.

Stennis Pace Center offers World Literature, Algebra and Elementary Spanish I.

Classes planned for the Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg include Anatomy and Physiology I and II and Laboratory I and II, Microbiology, General Chemistry I and La-

boratory I, Self Affirmation, Developmental English I and II, English Composition I and II, Human Growth and Development, Nutrition, American History, Introductory and Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Music Appreciation, Psychology, Oral Communication, Economic for Banking, Principles of Banking and Financial Accounting.

Kiln student listed in PRCC Who's Who

Angela Kuhlmann of Kiln is among 60 Pearl River Community College sophomores who have been selected to be listed in the 1998-99 edition of *Who's Who Among American Junior-Community College Students*.

Hancock County students graduate Mississippi State

Four Hancock County students were among nearly 1,100 students graduating from Mississippi State University in Starkville at the conclusion of the 1998 fall semester Dec. 18.

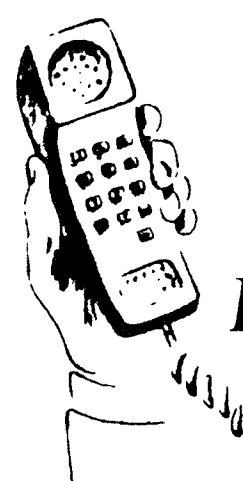
Hancock County students include Hendrik W. Daman with a degree in business and industry; Colquitt H. Odom with a double major in education and business and industry; Shane A. Wesson with a degree in agriculture and life sciences; and Sean T. Zeringue with a degree in engineering.

PRCC establishes car pool board

Pearl River Community College's Student Support Services has established a car pooling board for students.

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Bay St. Louis educator contributes to recognition

Mississippi 2020 Network Inc. is a winner of the Environmental Achievement Award for its "Our World Discovery Plan" at Orange Grove Elementary in Harrison County.

The award was given by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation during a ceremony Dec. 1 in Washington D.C.

"The award recognizes innovative and effective environmental education solutions to today's problems and by honoring these innovative programs, we hope to motivate others to initiate similar programs in their communities," said Kevin Coyle, president of the foundation.

Katharine Waggoner of Bay St. Louis, MS 2020's program director at Orange Grove Elementary, says, "The environmental awareness has been made possible through a Learn and Serve grant, volunteers, community donations and other grants and state and national awards."

"Our World Discovery Plan" links hands-on environmental activities with the school's curriculum. Teachers lead students in taking part in year-round environmentally friendly activities that include collecting

and composting cafeteria food to enrich organic vegetable gardens, butterfly gardening, creating bird and bat habitats, planting fruit and landscape trees and flowers, recycling paper and aluminum cans, campus beautification and environmental lectures."

Orange Grove Elementary students and staff reach out to their community by organizing clothes collections for a battered women's shelter and planting donated landscape trees on other school campuses and throughout the community.

"A special thanks goes to Yvonne Ball, principal of Orange Grove Elementary for allowing MS 2020 the opportunity to be part of such an innovative school," said Waggoner.

Bob Kochtitzky, executive director of MS 2020 Jackson, said, "The program has increased students' problem-solving skills and teamwork powers and has raised scores for students in grades 4-6. The program also reduces discipline problems and increases parent participation at Orange Grove Elementary."

Kochtitzky and Waggoner went to Washington to receive the honor.

Bay-Waveland students to attend classes Saturday

Making up for the days lost due to Hurricane Georges, students in the Bay-Waveland School District are scheduled to be in school Saturday, Dec. 18.

"The day is a 60 percent day for the students," said Dr. Kim Stasny, assistant superintendent of education. "Classes will be dismissed at noon. Teachers will be on campus for the full day."

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Installation of officers

The Hancock County Historical Society held the installation of its 1999 officers on Thursday, followed by a holiday tea. Historical Society President Charles Gray gave a short report on the society's past year as well as plans in the works for next year, including the big Tercentenary Celebration planned in Bay St. Louis. The installation ceremony was presided over by Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar. (Back row l-r) Ames Kergosien-co-first vice president, Kellar, Gray; (front row l-r) Cathy Benvenuti-secretary, Meg Hilliker-treasurer, Marlene Johnson-membership, Edith Bach-publicity, JoAnn Mumme George-historian, Brehm Bell-second vice-president. Missing from photo is Roland Schexnayder-co-first vice president.

Pass Christian begins year looking for new fire chief

BY ED LEPOMA

Pass Christian will start out the new year looking for a fire chief.

Mayor Billy McDonald called the Board of Aldermen into executive session behind closed doors Tuesday night to inform them that longtime Fire Chief Rusty Necaise will leave the department effective Jan. 31.

In Bay St. Louis, Fire Chief Bobby Gavney confirmed to the Echo that Necaise would join that city's department as a full-time firefighter.

"He'll assume the normal duties and shift of a firefighter," said Gavney. "We're lucky to get a man with his experience."

Gavney said Necaise has been working as a relief firefighter with the city of Bay St. Louis for three or four years, filling in for people on leave or on vacation.

"He reportedly didn't like the 40-hour work week and all the responsibilities that come with being the chief in Pass Christian," said Gavney. "He'd rather do shift work."

McDonald told the Echo he would begin the search for a man to replace Necaise within the Fire Department's current

ranks. Any recommendation by the mayor would have to be approved by the Board of Aldermen.

In other business at the recess meeting, aldermen:

- Approved final payment in the amount of \$1,359.76 to Lanier Construction Co. of Pass Christian for additional emergency repair work related to damages from Hurricane Georges at the small craft harbor;

- Approved final payment of \$4,984 to Lanier for replacing and upgrading mooring pilings, part of the \$49,849 in improvements going on at the city's harbor financed by Tidelands money;

- Approved a lease-purchase arrangement with People's Bank through which the city will borrow \$117,921 at 4.425 percent interest for five new police cars. Chief John Dubuisson told Aldermen the older cars in the fleet will be made available to reserve police officers;

- Passed a resolution supporting the city's Tricentennial Committee's intent to reconstruct the Pass Christian lighthouse. Four locations are being considered.

- Approved a request by Alderman Margaret Jean Kalif to temporarily place a port-a-let at the Church Street Park. Aldermen Michael Antoine and Jeff Emerson said they would support the temporary measure, but want the city to soon build restrooms with a water fountain at the park.

- Accepted the resignation of Margaret Alfonso as the city's appellate prosecuting attorney. Alfonso was elected Chancery Court Judge in recent elections.

- Three appointments were made to the city's Historic Preservation Committee. Henry Lair was appointed to serve the remainder of Vernon Harrison's term, which expires Dec. 31, 1999. Nicholas Augustus and Carol McKellar were reappointed to three-year terms ending Dec. 31, 2002.

The Board also approved a switch in holidays, declaring all day off for employees on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. For New Years, city employees will get one-half day off New Year's Eve, and all day on New Year's Day.

Sheriff to add patrols

Holiday season traditionally requires law enforcement agencies to increase the visibility of officers and patrols. Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson advises residents his officers will increase their patrols and routine stops during the holiday season.

Peterson said officers will increase the frequency of checks for proper inspection stickers and headlights, use of seat belts and child restraints, and use of alcohol and drugs.

Carey releases honors list

William Carey College has recognized a number of students for the fall term.

President's list scholars have a perfect 4.0 grade point average for nine or more hours of academic work.

Dean's list scholars must have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Area students earning recognition include Mayra Santiago of Diamondhead, president's list; Tara Carriage of Bay St. Louis, dean's list; James Balentine, Susan Necaise and Jamie Robertson, all of Kiln, dean's list; and Deborah Trotter of Waveland, president's list.

Church hosts holiday program

Sunday evening, Dec. 20, Bible Fellowship Church of Pass Christian will present a Christmas program of Scripture lessons and carols entitled "At the Name of Jesus ... O Come, Let Us Adore Him."

Youth, children and adult choirs will be featured, along with violin and recorder ensembles under the direction of Carol Mahler.

The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the holiday dessert reception immediately following the program.

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Freshman favorites

Freshman class favorites at Pearl River Community College for the 1998-99 school year include, front from left, Jonathan Butsch of Bay St. Louis (general studies), Jeff Rose of Bay St. Louis (education major), Wendell Humphries of Bay St. Louis (engineering major); back, Kacey Edwards of Bay St. Louis (general studies), Lori Flynt of Carriere (accounting major), and Laura Davis of Picayune (drafting and design major). (PRCC Public Relations photo by Stuart Fore)

Wastewater district meets

The Hancock County Water & Sewer District will have a reconvened meeting Monday, Dec. 21 at 3:15 p.m. at the district office, 3068 Longfellow Road in Bay St. Louis.

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Taylor — Remarks met with mixed reactions

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he would oppose a landfill in the buffer. Taylor softened his stance somewhat.

He said "proponents would have to justify that a landfill can co-exist with wildlife in the buffer zone."

However, Taylor didn't change his strong opinion on a landfill accepting out-of-state garbage. "I am adamantly opposed to taking an asset and making it a dumping ground for New Orleans," Taylor told the Echo.

Taylor said he has spoken to SCC Director Roy Estess, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and NASA officials about buying as much of the buffer zone as possible from willing sellers in order to establish a wildlife management area. He said revenues from the sale of timber

from NASA-owned property could be used to purchase the land.

"My goal as a U.S. Congressman who serves on an oversight committee charged with overseeing the proper use of federal lands is to see that it's put to its highest and best use," said Taylor.

He said he would have to be convinced that a landfill would "be the highest and best use of the buffer zone."

Fellow Democrat and Bay City Councilman Carleen Moran, who only recently was named to the six-member Hancock County Solid Waste Authority, said she took Taylor aside after the chamber meeting.

"While I respect his opinion and understand where he's coming from, the Chamber of

Commerce banquet was not the place to air this debate," said Moran.

"I felt that if he had taken time to review the issues, he would realize that the Authority has made every effort (in initial contract talks) to keep out-of-state garbage out of this landfill."

Because most of the initial contract negotiations have been private between the Authority and the proposed developer, Moran said she realized that Taylor and most citizens "haven't had the opportunity to know all the facts."

But, Moran added she thought Taylor should have requested a meeting with the Authority before speaking out. "He should not have spoken out without knowing all the facts," said Moran.

Besides Estes and federal officials, Taylor said he thought he had spoken to supervisors in private conversations about his idea to set aside most of the buffer zone for a wildlife area, but Board of Supervisors President Philip Moran said he never recalled ever talking with Taylor "privately or publicly" about a wildlife area, or about his opposition to a landfill in the buffer zone.

Moran, who led the original charge to look for a dumping site the buffer zone, said he was surprised by Taylor's comments.

"None of us (supervisors) can ever remember having a conversation (about the landfill) with Taylor," said Moran.

He added, "It's not secret that one of the first things we decided (three years ago) when we took over as supervisors was to begin the search for a landfill site in the buffer zone," said Moran. "And, we still think this is the best place for our future garbage disposal."

Moran said there will be safeguards included in the contract that would provide benefits to the county and to the citizens who will be using the dump.

He invited Taylor to suggest an alternative site, if he has one.

"Unless he can show us a better plan, this Board and the two cities and Harrison County will continue to go forward with our plans," said Moran.

And, former Mayor John Mason, who only last week was

nominated to a term on the Authority, said, he was "astounded" by Taylor's remarks at the banquet.

As mayor of Waveland, Mason has been in on the ground floor of efforts to find a suitable location for a landfill.

"We've been working on this thing for at least four years," said Mason. "Now, I'm kind of astounded that he (Taylor) would come in at the 11th hour when we're getting ready to go into final negotiations."

"I feel that a landfill can co-exist with wildlife in the buffer zone," Mason added.

Newly elected Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo just recently took his seat on the Solid Waste Authority, and says he has been deluged in the streets by people asking him how he felt about a landfill in the buffer zone.

"My feelings are I wish he (Taylor) would have let us know a lot sooner. This is a way too important decision to this county. The time is running out. The DEQ has given us one extension after another. I think it's way too far in the game to change plans now. I think a landfill can co-exist with a wildlife management area," said Longo.

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, who also serves on the Authority, had an instant reaction to Taylor's opposition.

He said the Authority has been working for years to find a solution for the future disposal of the county's household gar-

bage, and criticized Taylor's entry into the debate.

"Now, when we're finally moving ahead with it, entering into final negotiations, he is going to come up with this. I have a definite problem with this. I don't think it's right," said Favre.

The Hancock County Solid Waste Authority only recently selected to enter into serious contract negotiations with Mississippi Waste of Hancock County. And, last week, the Authority retained the local law firm of Eaton and Cottrell to assist Authority attorney Lucien Gex in drafting what might become the final contract.

While the buffer zone surrounding Stennis contains about 124,000 acres, Mississippi Waste has offered to permit, build and operate a combination landfill/rubbish site on a 700-acre tract of land off Flat Top Road in Hancock County that borders Pearl River County.

Some Pearl River residents have opposed the Flat Top Road site since it was first mentioned, and recently former state Sen. Wootsie Tate of Picayune has taken up the sword.

Tate said she was "proud" of Taylor for taking a stand.

While she has treated Hancock Solid Waste Authority members respectfully at past meetings on the landfill, she has left no doubt that she and other Pearl River residents might file suit in the event the landfill goes forward.

Action — Owner frustrated

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firm of Deutsch, Kerrigan and Stiles, based in New Orleans. Frankiewicz went behind closed doors with Commissioners, and after no action was taken, he spoke with the Echo about the resolution that was passed.

"It seems they want to change the regulations in mid-stream," said Frankiewicz. "The whole idea of a Coastal Use Plan is to project where things will develop. You don't have to have a specific project in mind."

Frankiewicz said if the DMR staff recommends changing the Coastal Use Plan now to require details of a specific project before revising or adjusting the lines, "It amounts to spot-zoning."

Frankiewicz has also been retained to represent property owners, who will ask the state Supreme Court to overturn a recent Chancery Court judge's decision that remanded the Maness casino proposal back to the CMR.

At Monday's meeting, Frankiewicz hoped to circumvent the ruling by getting some type of action by the CMR. He provided CMR members, as well as opponents, in advance, a lengthy file of arguments justifying the casino proposal. He outlined previous action by the CMR, and spelled out why he thought the CMR could act despite the court ruling.

Frankiewicz disagreed with the DMR staff attorney's argument that the Commission cannot take further action pending notice of the parties that they will appeal to the state's highest court.

"An appeal does not stay the effect of the judgement or order appealed from," he argued. He said he felt the CMR "can reconsider its August 19, 1997 decision which is not currently the subject of an appeal."

On that date, the CMR denied the Maness application, but on Aug. 21, Maness requested reconsideration, and the application was approved on Sept. 16, 1997.

In his brief to the CMR, Frankiewicz argues that all the procedural requirements for a revision in the Coastal Use Plan were met.

He also points out that there are currently no "I-Industrial" designated areas in Hancock County that front of the Mississippi Sound.

"Without the designation of additional I districts, new gaming facilities would have to be considered case-by-case adjustments in other areas less desirable for gaming facilities," said Frankiewicz.

Frankiewicz also pointed out that the proposed casino developed is favored by most beachfront property owners, by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Department, the county Planning

Commission, the Board of Education, the city of Waveland, and the area's state senator and representative.

Maness said his tract of land is needed in order to lure a Las Vegas developer, who already has signed a lease for a 30-acre tract of land that once was the docking site of the Jubilee casino.

Phoenix Leisure Inc., which developed the Horseshoe Casino

in Las Vegas, recently announced it has hired a team of architects to come up with final design plans for a gambling resort complex at Bayou Caddy.

The firm has proposed to pump in 900 feet of sand beach, construct a 250-room hotel, a marina, a restaurant and entertainment facility and a gambling barge, but apparently needs more than the 30 acres that is available.

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PRCC Workforce Center assisted 7,500 citizens

Pearl River Community College's Workforce Development Center assisted more than 7,500 citizens in improving and learning new work skills this past year.

Director Edwin Felsher reported that 46 area businesses and industries were served by the center through 126 training projects funded by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998.

Felsher said 110 workers were trained in Pearl River County, 755 in Marion, 205 in Lamar, 314 in Jefferson Davis, 1,123 workers in Hancock, and 5,018 workers in Forrest.

The Workforce Center numbers do not include PRCC's enrollment of traditional and non-traditional full- and part-time students.

The Workforce Development Center includes an Industry Service Division, Adult Education Services, a Small Business Development Center, WorkKeys Service Center, and Workforce Training and Development Program.

Pearl River's Industry Service Division is presently serving 14 different companies and approximately 3,400 employees within the district.

Alex Ross, who heads the Industry Service Division, estimated that the operating cost for the programs is \$315,000 with an expenditure through

the state of \$2.4 million for equipment.

"Our services are supported by the Mississippi Department of Education," said Ross. "There is little or no expense to the industry."

The PRCC Industry Service Program is presently providing specific training services to Cooper Power Systems in Lamar County; Wellman of Mississippi, GE Plastics, Calgon Carbon Corp., Gulf Coast Fabrication, Alcan Cable and Hancock Port & Harbor Commission, all of Hancock County.

Services are also being provided for Pioneer Aerospace in Marion County; and Mississippi Tank Company, Kohler Gas Engines, Forrest General Hospital, Sunbeam Household Products, ATS, and Inland Container, all located in Forrest County.

"The level of support provided by Industry Service is required to maintain the workforce at a level to help our industries compete in today's global economy," said Ross.

"Our assistance will help these industries survive in the world market place."

Services provided by PRCC include:

- pre-employment training for new operators
- upgrade training for existing employees to accommodate a change in the industry process
- retraining employees to

work in a new process being implemented by an industry

- video training aids
- training manuals
- computer based training
- Training system development

— combinations of these industry specific requirements

Specific training includes everything from maintenance training to airport safety training to plastic injection mold design and manufacture.

"We are not limited to the services listed," said Ross. "We can provide whatever training is needed."

"The Workforce Center is having an impact and is making a difference in the quality of our local workforce," said Felsher.

The Adult Education Division offers residents classes in computer training, pre-employment training, GED preparation, English as a second language, and classes designed to teach adults to read.

The services are made available at sites throughout the six-county area served by PRCC, with Hattiesburg, Columbia, and Poplarville serving as Adult Education Centers where all programs are made available.

Felsher reported that 1,286

individuals were served through Adult Basic Education and another 1,416 were served through special projects.

The WorkKeys Service Center's primary function is to provide business, industry and educational institutions the support of WorkKeys job profiling, assessments and training.

WorkKeys is used primarily as a selection process for new employees. Several local companies have adopted WorkKeys as a mandatory program, requiring existing as well as new employees to obtain the skill level identified through job profiling.

There were 4,262 assessments administered to 1,169 individuals this past year.

The Small Business Development Center, recognized as the Best SBDC in Mississippi in 1997, conducted 67 workshops with 1,797 attendees. Total number of persons served by SBDC was 2,098.

The Workforce Center, located at PRCC's Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg, is providing new training offerings to include ServeSafe Food Management Certification, Supervisory Skills Training and Zig Zigar Customer Service Training.

Pearl River is also the most recent addition to a statewide 2-plus-2 program in conjunction with the University of Southern Mississippi leading to a bachelor of science degree in Workforce Training and Development.

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Business workshop scheduled for women

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The workshop will be held 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Business Services Corp., 330 Courthouse Rod., in Gulfport.

The workshop will focus on several topics for women, including credit reports — what they are and how to read them, mistakes women make when seeking commercial loans, and financing options available through state and government agencies.

Co-sponsors include Gulf Coast Business Technology Center, Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation, Coast Chamber of Commerce, Coast Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation, and the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center.

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He then served as vice president and investment officer for First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans, organizing that company's investment management arm, and then as vice president and investment officer at Hancock Bank.

Most recently, Shellnut was a partner in Smith Shellnut Wilson, LLC, of Jackson, an institutional investment management and counsel firm, and he maintains a close affiliation.

Shellnut is a member of the Financial Analysts of New Orleans and the Association for Investment Management and Research.

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Operation No Bond

Hancock County Narcotics Task Force executes early-morning roundup



Drug sales

Alisa Hornke, 17, 4210 Rocky Hill Dedeaux Road, Pass Christian, left, is escorted by Hancock Jailer Dwyane Bremer Wednesday morning and charged with one count of drug sales during a sting operation by the Multi-Drug Task Force. Shane Corr, director, said her bond was set at \$10,000. (Echo staff photos by Ellis C. Cuevas)

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

During the wee hours of Wednesday, the chill in the air was of no hindrance for *Operation No Bond* in Hancock County.

The Hancock-Bay-Waveland Multi-Drug Task Force began a roundup of suspected drug pushers before sunrise as temperatures hovered around 40 degrees.

Some 40 law enforcement officers participated in *Operation No Bond*, which received its name because over half of those with warrants issued for their arrest were going to be denied bonds, said Task Force Director Shane Corr.

Circuit Court Judge Robert (Bob) Walker was on hand to sign the orders for no bond for those who were already out on felony bonds.

Officers had warrants for 34 suspects of which 28 have been arrested. Officers are still seeking the others.

Judge Walker said, "The U.S. Constitution demands it, and this will hold them in jail until a formal bond revocation hearing can be held in Circuit Court."

Headquarters for the operation was the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow where the first four were processed at about 6 a.m.

Task force officers were assisted by Hancock County Sheriff's deputies, Bay St. Louis and Waveland police officers, High Intensity Drug Trafficking agents, National Guardsmen, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics agents and Drug Enforcement agents.

This was the third roundup of drug pushers in the county this year.

Corr said, "Most of those ar-

rested were the street-level sellers, the ones we receive so many complaints about from the general public."

"They set bad examples for our young. The youngsters see them standing on a street corner, never working, yet they always have money in their pockets. This is the kind of people we do not want and are trying to get rid of in our county," Corr added.

Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil and Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell were also involved with the roundup and had staff members helping in the booking, photographing and transportation of the suspects.

Assistant District Attorney Larry Bourgeois was also assisting local officials.

Arresting officers were divided into five teams for the operation.

"Three arrests were lag-nappe, as when officers tried to serve a warrant for an individual, it was revealed that the suspect had moved a week ago. Officers at the door saw cocaine on a table and were given permission to enter the premises and also found drug paraphernalia," Corr said.

Sheriff Peterson said, "After the last roundup, I received a telephone call from a concerned parent who said, 'I have a son who goes to school each day. When he leaves for school in the morning he sees people on the corner doing nothing — not going to school — yet they always seem to have a stack of money.' She asked me how am I to explain this to my son."

Corr said those arrested,

charged and no bond set for were:

- Devrinn Jones, 22, 16035 Monroe St., Pearlington.
- Rico Laneaux, 17, No. 7 Bay Pointe Apartments, Bay St. Louis.
- Nicholas Dailey, 18, 511 Morris St., Waveland.
- Teddy Lewis, 19, 108 Dicks St., Waveland.
- Ronald Thomas, 21, 503 Ulman St., Waveland.
- Andre Daniels, 30, 406 Sycamore St., Bay St. Louis.
- Wayne Johnson, 36, 110 Shelia Drive, Bay St. Louis.
- Clarence Kennedy, 20, 311 Keller St., Bay St. Louis.
- Andre Fergerson, 25, 1133 Old Spanish Trail, Bay St. Louis.
- James Ricks, 23, 657 Keller St., Bay St. Louis.
- Germaine Lymuel, 24, 649 Washington St., Bay St. Louis.
- Michael McDowell, 45, 9056 Sojoirer St., Catahoula Community, and
- Leon Galloway, 21, 402-B Watts St., Bay St. Louis.

Corr said there are three others who will not be able to bond out when arrested.

Corr said others arrested for sale of cocaine with bonds were:

- Reggie Forrest, 30, 5177 Pine Avenue, Pearlington, \$10,000.
- Chaquita Acker, 22, 6272 Seventh Avenue, Pearlington, \$10,000.
- Alisa Hornke, 17, 4210 Rocky Hill, Dedeaux Road, Pass Christian, \$10,000.
- Randy Simmons, 23, P.O. Box 216, Kiln, \$10,000.
- Mark Price, 19, 511 Morris St., Waveland, \$10,000.
- Tony Booth, 19, 530 Herlihy St., Waveland, \$30,000.

- Keon Hawkins, 18, 601 Amar St., Waveland, \$25,000.
- Kelly Galloway, 20, 402-B Watts St., Bay St. Louis, \$10,000.
- Anthony Alexis, Jr., 22, 203 Easy St., Bay St. Louis, \$10,000.
- Jamaal Terry, 19, 701 Union St., Apt. 4, Bay St. Louis, \$10,000.
- Gerald Christmas, 35, 618 Sycamore St., Bay St. Louis, \$20,000.
- Al Williamson, Jr., 24, 408 Sycamore St., Bay St. Louis, \$10,000.
- Willie McKae, 24, 523 Louis Parnas, Bay St. Louis, \$10,000, and
- Brandon Favre, 18, 401 Third St., Bay St. Louis, \$20,000.

Those arrested during *Operation No Bond* not being sought at that time at 224 Keller St., Bay St. Louis were David P. Ricker, 20; Andrew John Marsh, 20; and Christopher Michael Ray, 21, all charged with possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, and also possession of drug paraphernalia with bond set for each at \$5,500, Corr said.

Corr indicated other arrests are expected in the coming weeks for warrants which were not served on Wednesday.

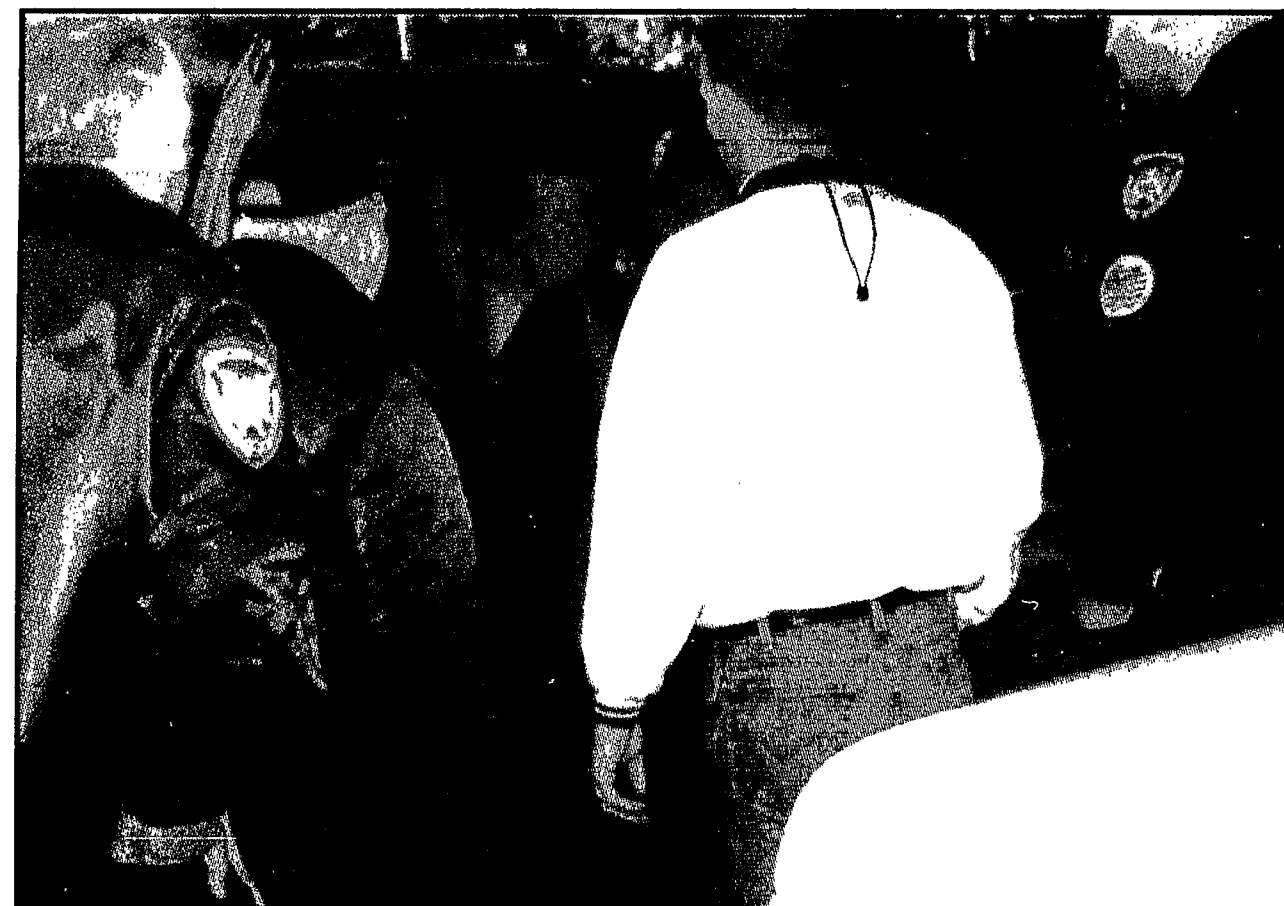
Officials were pleased with the roundup and cooperation of all departments involved in *Operation No Bond*.

Corr offered special praises for his task force unit consisting of agents Jeff Hair, Tommy Jennings, Mike Hearty, Laura Stepro, Karl Aderer, Scott Saucier and Chere Hendrix.



Loading up

Hancock County Deputy Abe Long, in doorway, loads a group of suspected drug sellers into the Sheriff Office's transportation van in the Pearlington area Wednesday. Waiting to be loaded is Reggie Forrest, 30, 5177 Pine Avenue, who was charged with sale of drugs, and bond was set at \$10,000, said Drug Task Force Director Shane Corr.



Pearlington arrests

Several residents of Pearlington were arrested during Hancock County's "Operation No Bond" Wednesday morning. From right is Hancock Multi-Drug Task Force Director Shane Corr, Hancock Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, and Hancock Sheriff's Office Transportation Deputy A.J. Cuevas. Officers collected the suspects for transportation to the Civic Center to be processed before being booked at the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility.

Teachers

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School District since 1991

In other business, board attorney Ronnie Artigues administered the oath of office to Steve Landry as a school board member. Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre appointed Landry in November to fill a vacancy on the board created by the resignation of Frank Perniciaro. Perniciaro accepted a position with the State Department of Education as attendance officer for Hancock County.

Landry will serve until a special election scheduled March 6, 1999 can be held. Qualification deadline for the election is January 22, 1999. Candidate packets are available at district offices, 201 Carroll Street, Bay St. Louis. For additional information call 467-6611.

The board accepted resignations from Director of Special Services Sherry Ponder and Theatre Arts Instructor David Rushing. Ponder, who has been with the district for the past

nine years, has accepted a classroom position in Biloxi with the Harrison County School System.

Rushing, who lives in Magnolia, cited difficulties in making a daily commute as the reason for his resignation. The board received notice of retirement from Doris E. Barnes effective Dec. 31 as cafeteria manager at North Bay Elementary School.

The board approved recommendations from the superintendent to hire June Reaves as interim special education coordinator for the remainder of the school year. Additionally, approved were William Cowling as a drama/speech instructor and James Winston as a special education instructor.

The board met behind closed doors in a two and one-half hour executive session for purposes of discussing student and/or personnel matters and possible litigation issues.



Art auction

Tamara and Kaydee Patterson with Ed Russell look over silent auction items during Waveland Elementary School's second annual Student Art and Silent Auction. The program featured collaborative art from students as well as items, gifts, crafts and art donated from area artists and businesses. Proceeds will be used to fund art education projects. (Echo staff photo by B. R. Hawkins)

Fleuriet

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that Fleuriet's pier was among those damaged in Waveland in last February's high tides and wind, and he came into DMR, applied for and received a permit to rebuild.

"The law allows him to replace his pier, but we later dis-

covered that Mr. Fleuriet was attaching a closed-in area to the foot of the pier," said Oivanki. "This is not permitted, so we issued the order for him to stop."

"We hope to resolve the matter in a couple of weeks," said Oivanki.

Bells

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said "Look Ms. Magee, here's my Christopher angel," she said. "Of course, we all had tears in our eyes."

Christopher's mother said she hopes the tree helps the other kids remember her son and think of him, even if they don't quite understand why he is not here anymore.

"They will see the tree and

said "That's Christopher," she said.

The angels on the tree, too, act as a special reminder. "Christopher's our little angel and he's in heaven playing and running," Magee told her students as they helped decorate the tree.

Seven-year-old Gary Kimble looked up and added, "And out of the wheelchair."

COMMUNITY

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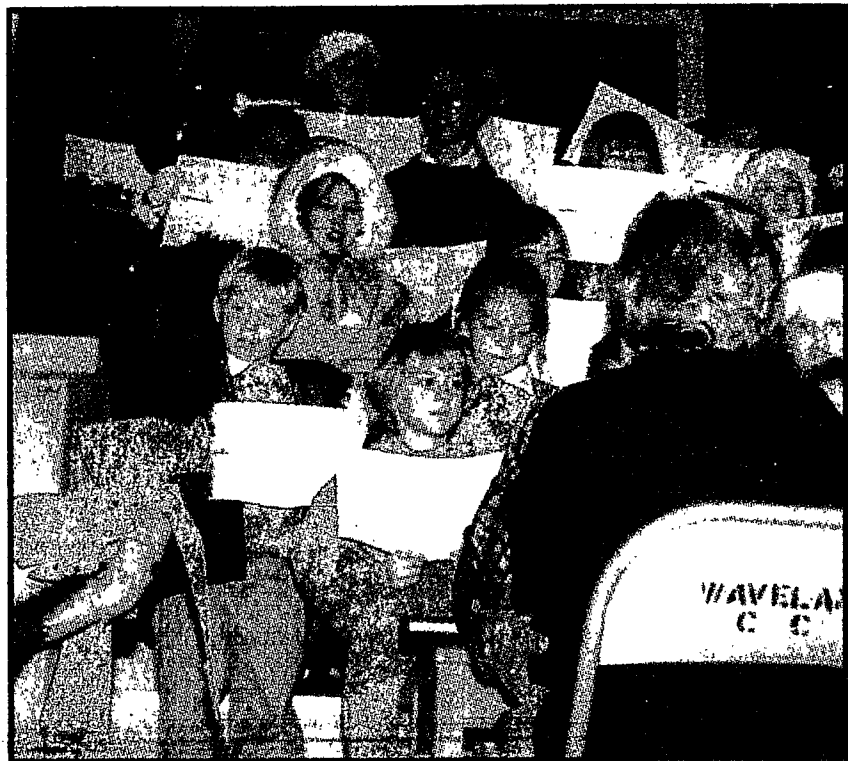
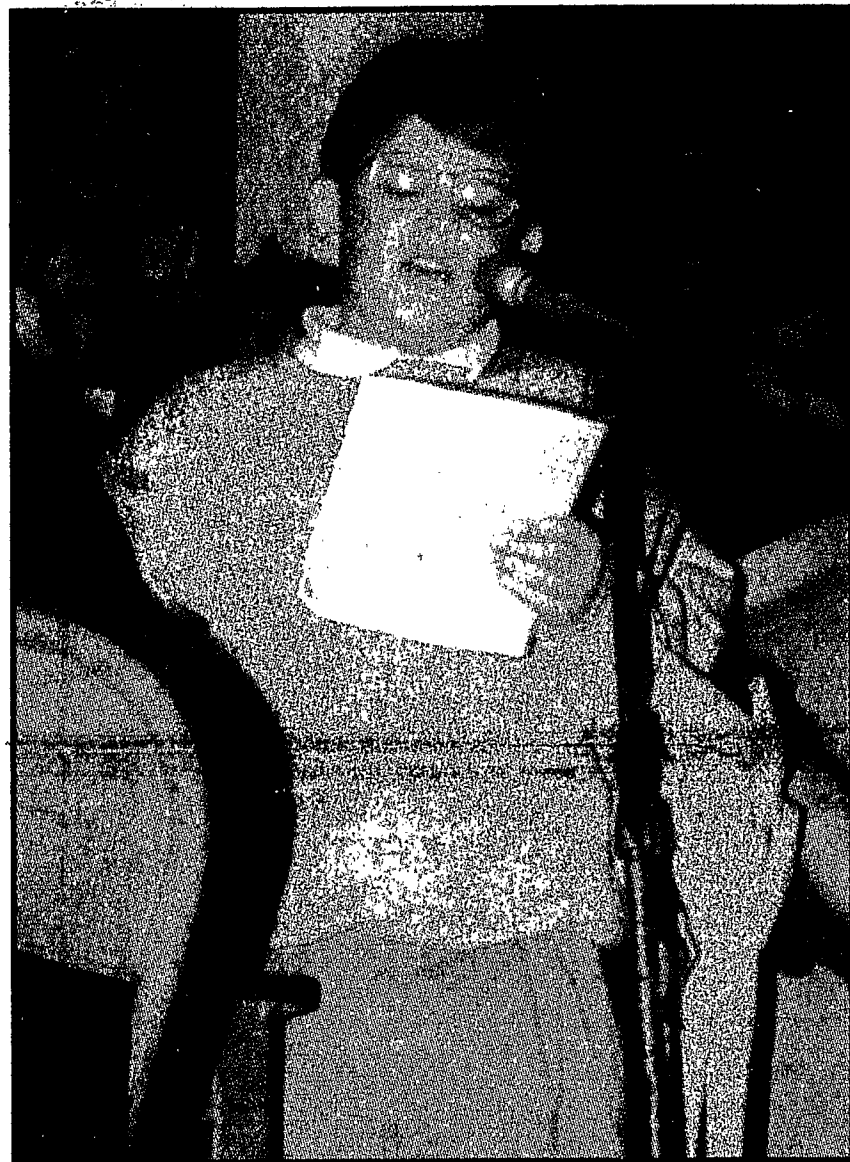
Waveland hosts parade and Festival of Lights

Getting in the mood

Left, this group of children were getting into the Christmas spirit by singing carols to the crowd during the parade through Waveland Sunday night.

Christmas greeting

Right, Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted drivers on Mollere Dr. (a.k.a. Christmas Card Lane)



Carolers

Left, fifth-grader Donnie Halter from St. Clare School entertains the crowd with a solo as part of the entertainment during Waveland's Festival of Lights. Above, St. Clare school children sing Christmas songs. Waveland Elementary third graders also had a sing-a-long.



Celebrating

Jay Fountain, left, and Ward 3 Alderman Louie Smolensky were two of the "leprechauns turned elves" in Waveland Civic Association's Christmas parade.



All I want for Christmas...

Santa sat patiently and heard the children's wishes for Christmas during Waveland's Festival of Lights Sunday night.

Echo staff photos by Kelly Blanchard and Betsy Gagnet



In the spirit

Jerry West shows his Christmas spirit during the parade through Waveland Sunday night. The merchants on Coleman gave away treats to the public during the Festival of Lights which ended with a bonfire on the beach next to the Garfield-Ladner Municipal Pier.



Frosty the snowman

Earline Ruhr, famous for her costumes during her tenure as the school crossing guard at Waveland Elementary, dressed as a snowman for the Festival of Lights, much to the delight of (left to right) Meg Artigues, Caroline Collins, Mary Margaret Gagnet, and Kaitlin Collins.

SPORTS

2B-THE SEA COAST ECHO—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1998

The Harmon Football Forecast

NFL Forecast
Saturday, Sunday and Monday,
Dec. 19-21****Buffalo, 27—N.Y. Jets, 17**

(Saturday) With Vinny Testaverde throwing for three TD's and the Jets defense limiting Buffalo to field goals, N.Y. handed Doug Flutie his first defeat as a Bill in Week 10, 34-12. But a sweep? Nope.

Tampa Bay, 23—Washington, 12**

The Buccaneers should run all day against the Redskins, who have the NFC's weakest run defense and one of its best pass defenses. T.B. has won four in a row against Washington since 1993.

****Arizona, 20—New Orleans 13**

(Sunday) Behind Billy Joe Hobert's three TD tosses, the Saints scored 24 unanswered second-half points against the Cardinals last year and won 27-10. Arizona has too much defense this time around.

Atlanta, 30—Detroit, 16**

Any Lions upset hopes will fade against a Falcons defense that shuts down run-focused teams like Detroit. The Lions scored three TDs off Atlanta turnovers on the way to a 28-17 win in '97.

Baltimore, 14—Chicago, 13**

Matching two unproductive offenses and two lackluster defenses, this isn't exactly our game of the week, but the good news is that it should be close. The Ravens and Bears have never met.

****Carolina, 19—St. Louis, 10**

Almost blowing a 17-point lead over the Rams last month, the Panthers recovered a late fumble and escaped with a 24-20 win. This will be Carolina's second sweep of St. Louis in four years.

****Dallas, 35—Philadelphia 7**

In his return after a broken collarbone, Troy Aikman led the Cowboys — not that they needed leading — to a 34-0 drubbing of the

Eagles seven weeks ago. Dallas hasn't swept Philly since '94.

****Green Bay, 29—Tennessee, 14**

Packers QB Brett Favre will likely go to the air against the Oilers' week secondary, while Tennessee's solid ground game will meet its match in G. B.'s defensive line. They last met in '92.

Kansas City, 17—N.Y. Giants, 16**

What a disappointing difference a year makes: Last season at this time the Chiefs and Giants were set to win division titles. K.C. beat N.Y. in their most recent matchup, three years ago.

****Minnesota, 32—Jacksonville, 27**

This is a possible Super Bowl preview if, say, Denver is stricken with a team-wide flu epidemic in the playoffs. The Vikings and Jaguars have the same relative weakness: mediocre defense.

Oakland, 16—San Diego, 14**

Despite managing only one first down in the second half of their punt-a-thon with the Chargers in Week Six, the Raiders prevailed 7-6. Oakland will sweep S.D. for the first time since '90.

****Pittsburgh, 21—Cincinnati, 12**

Neil O'Donnell one-upped his old team in October, throwing for three TD's as the Bengals upset the Steelers 25-20. Pittsburgh has too much backfield for Cincy and won't let it happen again.

San Francisco, 33—New England, 28**

In the very-long-odds-Super-Bowl category: Both the 49ers and Patriots live (on offense) and die (on defense) by the pass, so it'll be bombs away. S.F. has won seven of eight against N.E.

****Seattle, 22—Indianapolis, 15**

The Seahawks took the Colts apart 31-3 in '97, logging eight sacks and limiting Indy to 118 total yards as Warren Moon threw for one TD and ran for another. This one will be a lot closer.

Denver, 28—Miami, 24**

(Monday) The game of the year? The Dolphins can hold their own on defense, but they'll need to exploit the Broncos' wobbly pass defense to stay close. Believe it or not, they haven't met since '85.

THE HARMON FORECAST

The Top Twenty Major-College Teams

1 Florida State	5 Florida	9 U.C.L.A.	13 Southern Cal	17 Oregon
2 Kansas State	6 Nebraska	10 Purdue	14 Texas A&M	18 Virginia Tech
3 Ohio State	7 Wisconsin	11 Arizona	15 Missouri	19 Virginia
4 Tennessee	8 Syracuse	12 Arkansas	16 Michigan	20 Penn State

Saturday, Dec. 19 LAS VEGAS BOWL	North Carolina	24	San Diego State	18
Wednesday, Dec. 23 MOTOR CITY BOWL	Louisville	20	Marshall	16
Friday, Dec. 25 ALOHA BOWL OAHU CLASSIC	Oregon Air Force	27 29	Colorado Washington	21 24
Saturday, Dec. 26 HERITAGE BOWL INSIGHT COM BOWL	Southern-B.R. Missouri	21 22	Bethune-Cookman West Virginia	17 19
Tuesday, Dec. 29 MUSIC CITY BOWL MICRON PC BOWL ALAMO BOWL	Virginia Tech Miami Kansas State	28 26 25	Alabama North Carolina State Purdue	21 20 16
Wednesday, Dec. 30 HUMANITARIAN BOWL HOLIDAY BOWL	Southern Mississippi Nebraska	27 23	Idaho Arizona	8 19
Thursday, Dec. 31 LIBERTY BOWL SUN BOWL PEACH BOWL INDEPENDENCE BOWL	Tulane Southern California Virginia Texas Tech	30 28 20 24	Brigham Young Texas Christian Georgia Mississippi	21 7 16 14
Friday, Jan. 1 OUTBACK BOWL GATOR BOWL CITRUS BOWL COTTON BOWL ROSE BOWL SUGAR BOWL	Penn State Georgia Tech Arkansas Texas Wisconsin Ohio State	29 21 18 21 28 30	Kentucky Notre Dame Michigan Mississippi State U.C.L.A. Texas A&M	23 20 16 19 27 20
Saturday, Jan. 2 ORANGE BOWL	Florida	27	Syracuse	24
Monday, Jan. 4 FIESTA BOWL	Florida State	25	Tennessee	21

Highlights

Comparing polls was hardly the best way to determine a national champion, but we're not sure the complicated Bowl Championship Series formula worked much better. Tennessee is the only undefeated team at the top of the rankings—sorry, Tulane—but the Volunteers won't stay that way against Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl. Aside from his two huge TD passes late in the SEC championship game against Mississippi State, Vols QB Tee Martin threw inconsistently, and we think the Seminoles, with the country's No. 1 defense, will give Martin & Co. fits in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 4. But will Florida State then be the undisputed national champion? Not without some playoffs. Playoffs involving Kansas State and Ohio State and Nebraska and... oh, never mind.

And what about the Liberty Bowl-bound Tulane Green Wave? In this case there's no denying the significance of the strength of schedule factor. It's one of the most important ingredients of our computer calculations, and in Tulane's case it eliminated any serious arguments of an unfair ranking. For the record, the Green Wave finished the season with a power quotient two-tenths of a point behind Penn State, making it the nation's 21st best team. And the Wave will roll over Brigham Young.

Several other bowls look close enough to be near tie-ups. We're picking Wisconsin over U.C.L.A. by one point in the Rose and Georgia Tech by the same margin over Notre Dame in the Gator. Florida Syracuse (Orange), Texas-Mississippi State (Cotton) and Arkansas-Michigan (Citrus) look almost a tie. The most comfortable win for one of our Top Five should be Ohio State over Texas A&M in the Sugar Bowl. Though Kansas State might argue otherwise.

Our prognosticational accuracy was down a bit from last year's sterling percentage of .759, but we're still picking more games more accurately than anyone else. The reason we were right on 1,810 outcomes and wrong on 610, an average of .748. Finally, we offer our exclusive ranking of the top 20 college conferences, based on the average power quotient for the teams in every league. On the strength of powerhouse Kansas State, Nebraska, Texas A&M and Missouri, the Big 12 rose to the top in only its third season, narrowly edging last year's perennial champ, the Pac-10. Here's the breakdown:

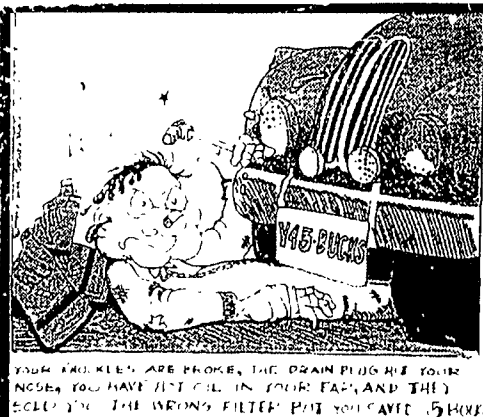
1 Big 12	9.4	11 Atlantic 10	70.4
2 Pac-10	86.6	12 Gateway Athletic	65.5
3 Southwestern	85.2	13 Big Sky	64.5
4 Big Ten	84.2	14 Southland	64.3
5 Atlantic Coast	82.1	15 North Central	58.6
6 Big East	80.5	16 Southern	58.3
7 Conference USA	81.5	17 Ohio Valley	54.2
8 Western Athletic	81.5	18 Ivy	49.8
9 Big West	77.0	19 Gulf South	49.4
10 Mid-American	72.8	20 Patriot	48.8

Council advisory/
groups review
fisheries act

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and an Ad Hoc Industry Advisory Panel (AP), consisting of recreational and commercial fishery representatives, will review the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) Amendment.

Public testimony is scheduled beginning at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The AP meeting will be Jan. 5 and the SSC meeting on Jan. 6. Both meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans and will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. each day.

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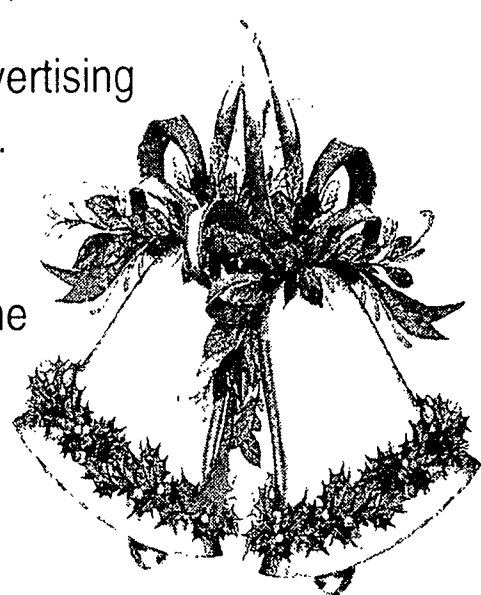
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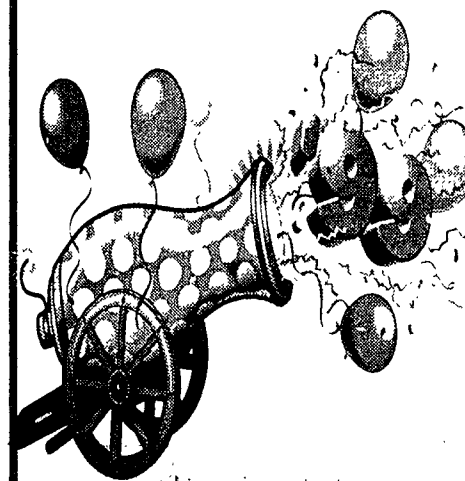
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Spring semester
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New student registration for the 1999 spring semester at Pearl River Community College will be Thursday, Jan. 7 and Friday, Jan. 8 according to a last name alphabetical schedule.

Students who were enrolled in the fall semester and did not participate in early registration Nov. 2-20 will register during late registration Monday, Jan. 11 through Thursday, Jan. 14.

New students will register Thursday, Jan. 7 according to the following schedule:

8:30 a.m. — Z, Y, X, W, V, U, T
 9:30 a.m. — S, R, Q, P
 1 p.m. — O, N, M, L
 Night class registration is set 3-6 p.m.

The Friday, Jan. 8 scheduled includes:

8:30 a.m. — K, J, I, H
 9:30 a.m. — G, F, E, D
 1 p.m. — A, B, C
 Night class registration is 3-6 p.m.

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Bay High Tigers

Bay High Tiger Basketball team for the 1998-99 season include Aaron Jordan (#50), Jason Robinson (#10), Louis Dunklin (#11), Errol Vonture (#12), Blake Stuart (#15), Kelvin Redmond (#21), Gary Vincent (#22), Adam Barrett (#24), Brent Haynes (#25), Nic Dehean (#32), Stevie Lizana (#33), Jermaine Alexander (#35), and Coach Monty Noblitt.

SSC holds Fall Sports Awards Ceremony

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

On Sunday, December 6, St. Stanislaus held its annual Fall Sports Awards Ceremony at the Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center.

The coaches for cross country, football, and swimming recognized athletes for one of the most successful athletic falls in SSC history.

The cross country team finished their season placing sixth in Class 4A at the state meet. The football Rocks advanced to the state playoffs for the first time since the season of 1991, while the swimming Rocks placed seventh overall in their state meet.

Swimming started the ceremonies off as 13 letterman awards were handed out. Sophomore Thad David claimed the Hustle Award for 1998. Chris Mensi, sophomore, gar-

nered the Coaches Award while junior Jamie Higgins claimed the Mr. Rock-a-chaw Award as the team's most valuable swimmer.

In cross country, seven letterman awards went out in addition to five major awards. The Most Improved award for Junior High went to Aaron Baxter. The Most Improved Award on the high school team went to T.J. McKeough. The Coaches Award went to Gary Leung and the Mr. Rock-a-chaw Award went to Neil Norton. The Most Valuable Runner Award went to Blake Theriot.

In football, 36 letterman awards went out, in addition to seven major awards for offense, defense, and special teams.

The Mr. Rock-a-chaw Award was given to team captains David Byrne and Michael Dauro. The C.J. "Pete" Taylor Award

is given to the Best Offensive Player. The award was won by Stephen Peterman and Willie Golden.

The Marchmont "Marchie" Schwartz Memorial Award is given to the Best Defensive Player. The award was claimed by Cameron Byrne and Joe Carambat.

The Scott Senner Award is given to the Best Special Teams Player. The award was won by Steven Knight and Brandon Lewis.

The Forster Commagere Memorial Award is awarded to the person that the coaching staff considers to be the most coachable. The award was won by Hunter Dawkins and Jason Santiago.

The Harry Glover Memorial Award is given to the Most Improved Player. The award went to D'Mitri Sofianos and Kris

Fast-pitch clinic set at USM

Sports Medicine Specialists of Mississippi and the d'Iberville High School fast pitch softball team are joint sponsors of a fast-pitch clinic to be conducted by University of Southern Mississippi Coach Lu Harris on Jan 9.

The clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Rudy Moran Fields in d'Iberville. A breakfast for all clinic participants will be held at the d'Iberville City Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. and is included in the \$20 clinic registration fee.

Each participant will also receive a clinic t-shirt as part of the registration fee.

Pre-registration is required. Deadline to register is Jan. 5. Anyone interested in signing up may call Debbie Hardy at 392-5080 or 392-9953, Kandy Hardy at 396-1374 or Donna Willey at 374-7547.

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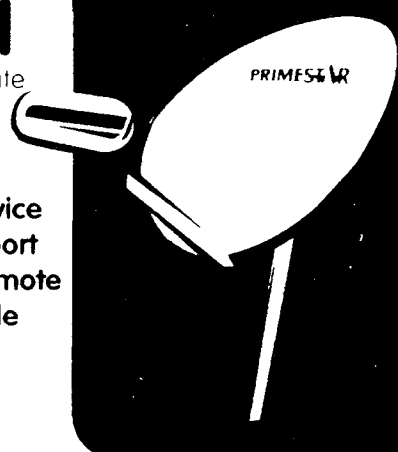
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Roy Fuller Jr., 9, of Bayshore Park landed this 34-pound, 42-inch redfish on a 12-pound test line Sunday, Nov. 22. Roy, a Gulfview Elementary School student, and his father, Roy Fuller Sr., were fishing at Little Grassy Island.

Rocks sting Hornets

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw basketball team won its third team championship of the season on Saturday, December 12, in the comforts of its own gymnasium.

The Rocks defeated an aggressive East Central Hornet team by the score of 75-55. The Warriors of d'Iberville defeated Pope John Paul II of Slidell 55-49 in double overtime in the consolation game.

In the second game of the night, the Rocks downed d'Iberville 70-43 to advance to the championship game.

The Rocks jumped out to a 17-8 lead in the first period and increased that to 38-18 by the intermission.

In the second half, SSC outscored the Warriors 32-25 to ensure the win.

The Rocks were led by Zeke Davis with 14 points including four three-pointers. Paul Farve and Bennie Ladner each scored 12 points while Junior Davis added 10 points.

On Saturday night, the Warriors took on Pope John Paul II in the consolation game. The game ended in regulation tied at 38-38.

After two overtime periods, the Warriors had a 55-49 edge to finish third in the tournament.

The Rocks engaged in a

heated championship game with the Hornets of East Central.

The Hornets jumped out to a 7-2 lead but Grady Willis scored five points in :23 to tie the game up.

The Rocks outscored the Hornets 21-7 in the final period en route to the championship.

With the Rocks two wins in the tournament and a 60-58 division win over the visiting Oak Grove Warriors on Friday night, the Rocks now sport a 13-2 overall record and a 1-1 division record.

Diamondhead Women's Golf winners announced

Winners of the Diamondhead Women's Golf Association Dec. 10 Trophy Day event are:

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SSC tops list of area players on All-Gulf Coast football team; Kenson named 'Coach of the Year'

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws headlined the area players named to the All-Gulf Coast football team that was picked last week.

SSC placed three players on the first team while Bay High received one. SSC's own Dave Kenson was named the 1998 Coach of the Year for the Coast for his team's gridiron achievements.

The Rock players named to the first team were seniors Tom Brennan, Roger Ridgeway, and junior Willie Golden.

Bay High's lone recipient was senior Tony Benton.

Brennan played defensive line/fullback for the Rocks where he set a single season record of 137 tackles including 50 solos. He made 16 tackles for losses, tallied nine sacks on the quarterback, caused seven fumbles and recovered five of them. He returned two fumbles for touchdowns.

At fullback for the Rocks, Brennan rushed the ball 11 times for 33 yards and netted six scores.

Ridgeway played punter/linebacker/running back for the Rocks. He owns virtually every punting record at SSC. This year he punted 55 times for a 37.3 average and had seven of

his punts downed inside the 10 yardline.

On defense, Ridgeway recorded 46 tackles including 21 solos. He has four interceptions and returned three of them for scores including a school record 91 yard return. He tallied four sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, and a blocked punt.

Golden played offensive tackle for SSC where he graded out at over 90% for the season. He recorded 18 pancake blocks to lead the offensive line.

Bay High's Tony Benton played all over the field for the Tigers. Benton recorded 1,650 all-purpose yards and rushed for over 1,200 yards and scored 82 points for the Bay St. Louis school.

SSC head coach Dave Kenson was named the 'Coach of the Year' for the achievements of the Rocks on the gridiron. However, he stated that it was a team effort. Kenson elaborated, "Our staff puts forth a collective effort. There are times when I am not the one who speaks up, it is one of the assistants. Our staff has a knack of knowing what needs to be done and said and who needs to do it. This award is for the entire staff and the kids. Their efforts brought all this about."

"We have a staff of many personalities. Kids respond to things differently. We have a little bit of everything and that just makes for a great staff."

Coach Kenson commented on each of his players that made the All-Gulf Coast team. Kenson on Brennan, "I have been coaching since 1970 and I have never seen a defensive tackle make as many big plays. Tom Brennan did this year. I'm not sure if I have ever seen a defensive tackle lead a team in tackles."

"Brennan was in the opposing backfield quicker than they could get the play started. Brennan is talented enough to play about five different positions. What else can I say - he is just a winner. He did what he had to do to make this team win and it rubbed off on the rest of the team."

Kenson on Ridgeway, "Roger Ridgeway contributed to this team in so many ways. He is an outstanding punter. He is a collegiate Division I punter. He made some great plays on defense that he was credited with. But, the biggest plays he made on defense did not show up statistically. On offense, he was a variety of weapons. He was a good runner for us and a great receiver out of the backfield."

Kenson on Golden, "He had one heck of a season. He had the highest blocking percentage on the line. He recorded 18 pancake blocks where he just laid the defensive tackle on his rear end. He was always at the point of attack on offense."

Other SSC players named to the honorable mention list for the All-Gulf Coast team were TE Stephen Peterman, LB Cameron Byrne, RB Kris Cannon, QB Jason Santiago, and LB Michael Dauro.

The Rocks had a total of nine players on the team which gave them tie for the most members on the team with perennial 5A powerhouse Moss Point.

Coach David Baughman of Bay High commented on his player Tony Benton, "He was a big part of our offense this year. He rushed for over 1,200 yards and amassed over 1,650 all-purpose yards. His work habits were some of the best on the team. Plus, he is one of the most disciplined players that I have had the opportunity to coach. He is a good student and an even better role model."

Benton is currently being recruited by several Division I schools including USM, Nicholls State, Rice University, and Mississippi State. He has received a football scholarship from Pearl River Community College in Poplarville.

Other players from Bay High named as honorable mention selections are LB-K-P Steven Boudro, DT Bert Hopgood, and QB Ty Barrett.

The Hancock Hawks received an honorable mention selection in DE-LB Desmond Smith.

Soccer roundup

OLA downs Ocean Springs; remains undefeated

The Our Lady Academy Crescents shut out the Ocean Springs Lady Greyhounds 2-0 Saturday at St. Stanislaus Stadium to improve their perfect soccer record to 10-0 on the season.

Ashley Chrisman scored first for OLA on a breakaway which was set up by a pass from Kara Harshbarger. Leslie Esher dribbled through several defenders and scored on a pass from Emily Meyers. Ellen Ladner had 13 saves in goal.

Coach Karen Hunt said the game was played on a very muddy and slippery field.

Julie Reboul and Katie Dennis had excellent games at mid-field. Again our defensive team of Jill Rutherford, Mikki Kenny, Holly Kirby, Emilie Scianna and Erin Harshbarger combined to hold off the strong offensive team of Ocean Springs," Hunt said of the game.

The OLA junior varsity also won, edging Ocean Springs 2-1. Rachel Cranford scored both goals for the junior Crescents as they also remain undefeated with a record of 5-0.

Hunt stated, "Melissa Chapman and Katherine Milner at-

tempted several shots, made beautiful passes and provided excellent support for each other. The defensive team of Colleen Kirby, Kira Reaver, Clare Adam, Aren Lassiegné, Kate Moran, Jessica Velazquez and Natalie Mitchell shut down the Greyhounds. Midfielders Camille Covington, Lauren Forte, Colleen Ladner and Lindy L'Enfant sloshed their way to the ball for added support."

The team will take a break for the Christmas holidays and resume action January 5 in Picayune with a 5:30 p.m. varsity contest with the Lady Maroon Tide.

Oak Grove 2-Hancock 0
The Hancock Hawks fell to the Oak Grove Warriors 2-0 Monday night in high school soccer action.

Coach Brennan Compretta said, "It was a hard-fought contest. The game was tied 0-0 at halftime. Doyle Moran made fantastic plays in goal, and the overall team played an excellent game."

After the Christmas break, the Hawks will be back in action on January 5, hosting the Long Beach Bearcats at 7:30 p.m.

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Tigers sweep cross-county battle with Hawks

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The Bay High Tigers swept the visiting cross-county Hawks of Hancock in a divisional battle on Tuesday night.

The Lady Tigers brought down the Lady Hawks 57-51 while the Tigers held off a charging Hawks team 54-50 in the waning moments of the boys game.

In the girls game, Bay High jumped out to a 6-0 lead before Hancock scored their first points at the 4:08 mark of the first quarter.

The Lady Hawks had 35 turnovers for the game. Hawk coach Sandy Albright stated that as a major factor in the outcome of the game. She continued, "The turnovers were a factor added to not taking advantage of the opportunities we were given. Bay High is a very good team and they took advantage of their opportunities and our mistakes."

"We got into some serious foul trouble tonight as four of the girls fouled out."

With 40 to go in the first period, Jessica Pucheu tied the game for the Hawks when she nailed a three-pointer to make the score 11-11.

Bay High took a 13-11 lead at the end of the first when Keely Marshall banked one in with 12 left.

Hancock went on an 8-0 run to start the second period and make the score 19-13 with 3:21 left in the first half. The run was led by Mindy Ladner with four points and Brandy Ladner with three points and two blocked shots. Brandy Ladner would foul out but finished with nine points, 12 boards, and seven blocked shots for the Lady Hawks.

Pucheu gave the Lady Hawks

a 27-22 halftime lead as she nailed a jumper with :02 left on the clock.

The Lady Hawks stayed in control of the lead during the majority of the third period until Marshall tied the game at 38-38 with three free throws with :06 left on the clock. Marshall then gave the Lady Tigers the lead for good with a steal and a bucket at the buzzer.

The Lady Tigers outscored the Lady Hawks in the fourth period 17-13 to win the battle between the two rivals.

Tiger head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "I am proud of my whole team. We have to play together as a team to win games and these girls do it well. Tonight, we rose to the occasion against Hancock by hitting our free throws and playing some good defense."

Mindy Ladner led Hancock with 14 points. Jessica Pucheu added 11 points. Marshall led all scorers with 24 points.

With the win, the Lady Tigers improve to 13-6 overall and 4-1 in the district. Hancock drops to 10-4 overall and 4-1 in the district.

In the boys game, the Hawks wasted no time scoring as they jumped out to a 5-0 lead behind Ryan Strief's three pointer.

Bay High answered with a trey of their own from Aaron Jordan with 6:58 left to make the score 5-3.

Bay High claimed the lead for the first time behind a basket and foul shot from Stevie Lizana at the 6:21 mark. Lizana's points made the score 6-5.

Hancock went on a 6-0 run at the end of the first period to make the score 12-12.

The two rivals battled basket-for-basket in the second period and headed into the break tied

at 27-27.

Bay High took charge in the third period outscoring the Hawks 14-5 behind the scoring prowess of Louis Dunklin and his nine points. The score at the end of three periods was 41-32.

In the fourth period, the outlook was dim for the Hawks as they were down as much as 15 points with 3:05 to play in the game.

The Hawks went a 6-0 run to bring the score to 51-42 with 1:28 left in the game.

Hancock scored another five unanswered points to make the score 52-47 with :35 left to play.

Dunklin went to the line with 15 left and rimmed out the front end of a one-and-one shot. Jabrell Cook grabbed the rebound for Hancock and passed off to Jason Phillips who canned a three-pointer with :08 left to make the score 52-50.

Jason Robinson went to the line for the Tigers with :04 left and sank two free throws to preserve the win for the Tigers.

Tiger coach Monty Noblitt commented, "Hancock played a real hard ballgame. This is a rivalry game and they always go down to the wire. Coach Michael Ladner has done an excellent job with the players at Hancock."

Coach Michael Ladner stated, "I was very proud of our basketball effort tonight. We need to fine tune our execution and play like this night in and night out."

Marty Homer led the Hawks with 12 points while Dunklin led all scorers with 15 points off the bench.

The Tigers improve to 7-6 overall and 3-2 in the district. Hancock falls to 2-13 overall and 0-5 in the district.

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Marcie Sierra, the commission's special events coordinator, said the event will begin at 9 p.m. in downtown Biloxi at City Hall on Lameuse Street. "In front of the library we'll have a stage with live entertainment," she said. The band Perfect Image, provided by Sound Associates, will perform a high-energy show.

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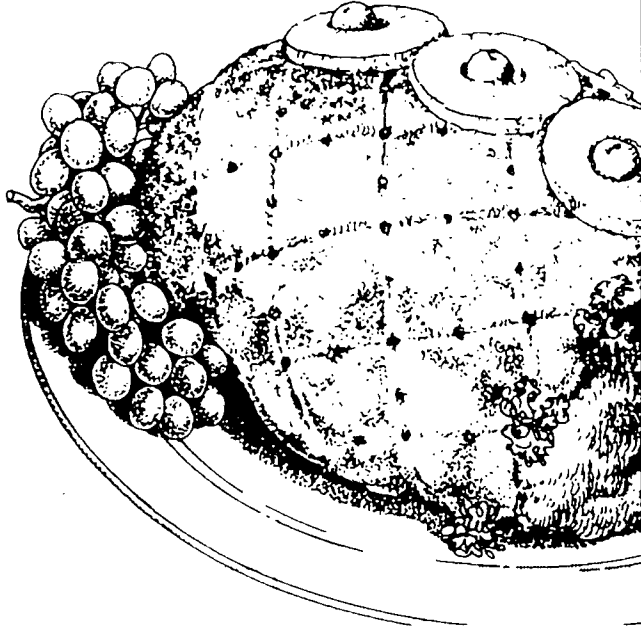
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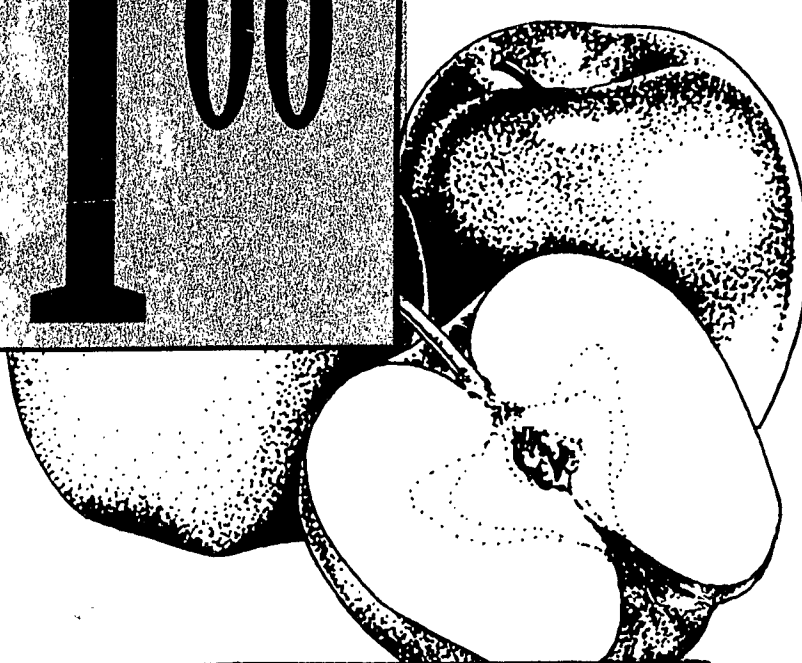
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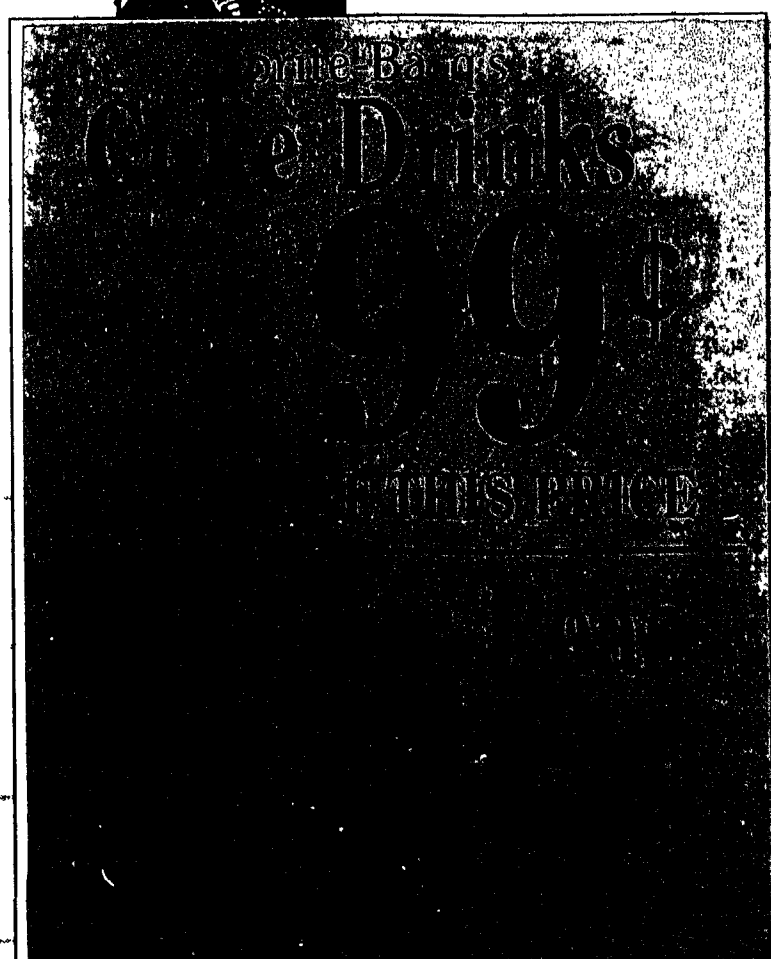
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Making the presentation

Robby Stroud, far right, shows members of her son's class artifacts and tools used by Native Americans.



Native dance

Students in Hancock North Central fifth grade classes take part in celebration of the Native American culture recently. From left, Cameron Futroye from the Orca Tribe (Jean Gardner's class) dances as the Singing Seminole Wind.



Tribal leaders

Fifth grade teachers at Hancock North Central recently took on tribal names for their celebration of the Native American Culture. From left are Chief Jean Gardner of the Orca Tribe; Chief Trudy Cuevas of the Buffalo Tribe; Chief Shirley Polk of the Bear Tribe; Chief Heather Dau of the Eagle Tribe; and Chief Mille Bruen of the Trout Tribe.

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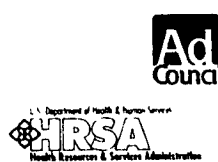


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Mylon Labat

Local students take role in Chamber

Hancock County high school students have taken an active role in the community by serving as ex-officio members of the Hancock Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Students from St. Stanislaus, Our Lady Academy, Bay High, Coast Episcopal and Hancock High are currently taking part in the Hancock Chamber program.

One student from each school is selected by the faculty and administration of that school for a one-year term as an ex-officio board member. Each student acts as an ambassador for his or her school informing the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors of past and upcoming events.

"We are extremely pleased to have Mylon Labat on our board," said Amy Gregory, executive director of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. "With high school students serving on our board, we receive valuable input from them, and in turn, they gain a wealth of experience from meeting with members of our community."

The high school juniors get a full term with the current board and they get a year's worth of issues in the community. As a voice for the younger generation, the students get a chance to give input and gain awareness of what the community does from a different angle.

St. Stanislaus junior Mylon Labat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Labat of Bay St. Louis, succeeds senior Kevin Estrade.

Labat is currently a member of the 1997-98 state champion tennis team, the National Honor Society, the Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Stock Market Team, and the Junior Knights of St. Peter Claver.

Labat is currently president of the Altar Servers of St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, a St. Stanislaus Student Council representative, treasurer of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Student Public Relations Advisory Board. He has also been recognized as a Student of the Month and for achieving the Alpha Honor Roll.

"We are proud to have Mylon represent St. Stanislaus on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors," said Brother Ronald Talbot, SC, president of St. Stanislaus.

"Mylon has been an active student leader for us. His student involvement at school allows him to bring an important perspective to the board, and the board interaction should enable him to hone his leadership qualities."

Seniors have opportunity to adopt older pets

Waveland Mayor Tom Longo has joined with the Hancock County Humane Society to place shelter animals in good homes for Christmas.

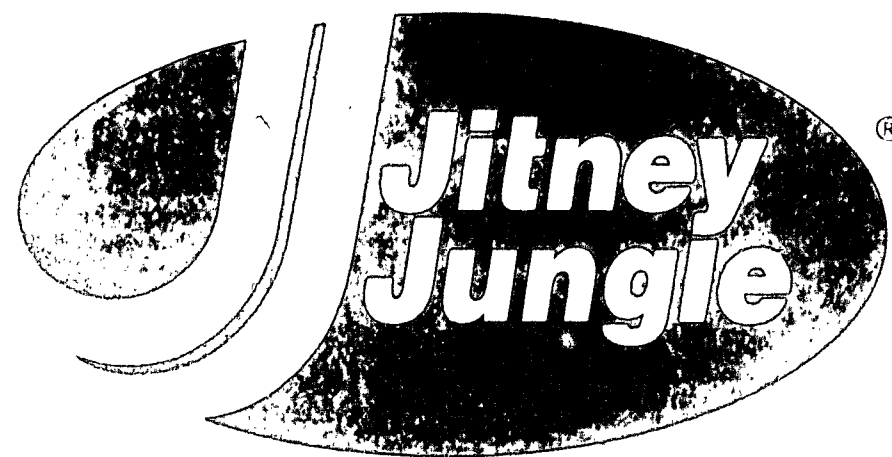
Mayor Longo said the city will forego the adoption fee, and the Humane Society will pay for the inoculation of 15 dogs or cats adopted by senior citizens.

Adoptees must have fenced yards and should be able to afford to take proper care of the animals.

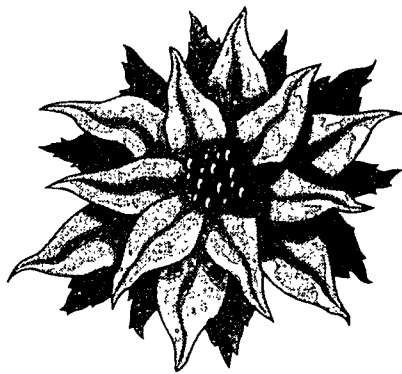
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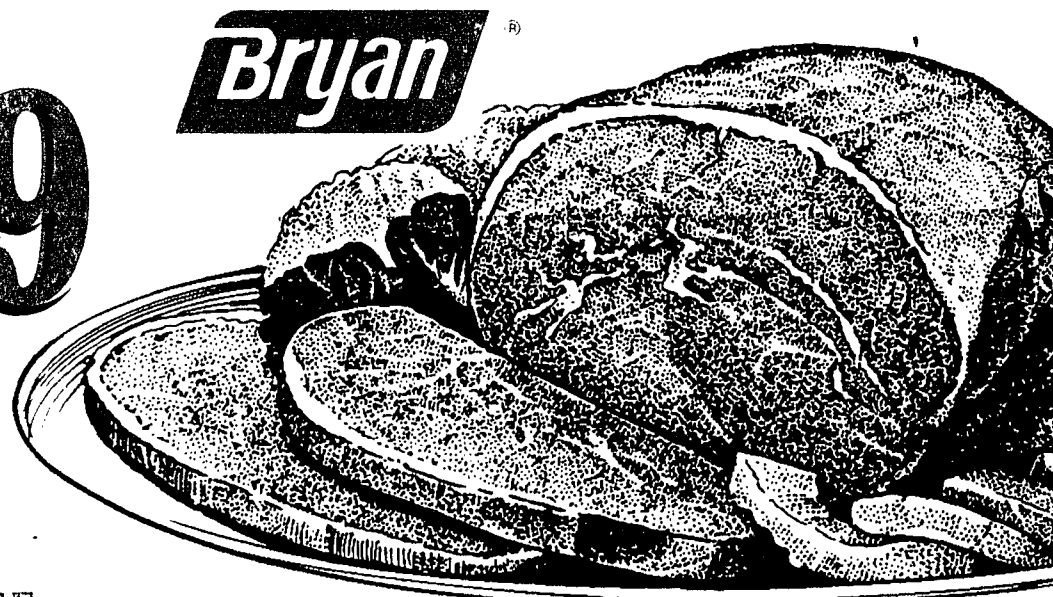
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